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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Nottingham Forest's Garry
Birtles in action against
Brighton.

'I WAS TOLD SAYS IAN



Above: Former Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor — saw no future for Wallace at the club.

Below: Garry Birtles — considered quitting the game.



WALLACE AND BIRTLES — THE RECORD

THE devastating Ian Wallace-Garry Birtles combination had produced a staggering 33 goals in the 26 games in which they had partnered each other for Forest up to December 4.

In the fascinating table below, 'Match' compares their record alongside those of other City Ground partnerships involving Wallace.

The first column lists Wallace's seven different recognised striking partners in his time with Forest.

The second column shows the number of games they played together and the third column shows the number of goals their partnerships produced.

PARTNER	GAMES	GOALS
Garry Birtles	26	33
Justin Fashanu	23	11
Trevor Francis	19	13
Peter Ward	17	7
Gary Mills	6	7
Peter Davenport	5	1
Calvin Plummer	2	0

HOT-SHOT Ian Wallace looked set to join the ranks of the £1 million mis-fits when he was told by former Nottingham Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor to find another club.

The red-haired striker had failed to live up to his £1.25m price tag in his first two seasons at the City Ground and he thought his days there were numbered.

"At one point, Peter Taylor told me to find another club and I was so unhappy that I thought it would be the only way out," says Ian, currently one of the First Division's leading scorers.

"But after having a long talk with my wife, I decided that the best thing to do was to get my head down and battle it out at Forest — and thankfully things have worked out well for me."

Although Peter Taylor felt the former Coventry striker should leave Forest, manager Brian Clough kept faith in him, and Ian remembers his advice.

He says: "He told me I was trying too hard and that I should relax more and ignore the fans who were getting on my back."

Brian Clough's faith in the Scottish international has been rewarded this season with Ian enjoying his best-ever spell at the City Ground.

Already he has scored more than a dozen League and cup goals.

And he believes the reason for his dramatic change of fortune is Forest's splendid form, coupled with his renewed partnership with Garry Birtles.

"When the team wasn't playing very well, it made things even harder for me," says Ian. "But we are playing better this season and Garry has given us an extra boost."

"Myself and Garry have a terrific understanding and at the moment my confidence is sky-high. I'm very happy here."

It was in July 1980 that Ian joined Forest from Coventry, where he had scored 57 goals in 130 games. With three Scottish caps already under his belt, he looked destined for great things.

But since that time, he has failed to impress the Scottish selectors.

He says: "I was very disappointed with my form in the first season here and last year I was never really consistent although I did score 13 goals."

"I was lacking in confidence and when the fans began to get on my back, I became even more down in the dumps and my game suffered as a result."

TO MOVE ON' WALLACE

"I can't really blame the fans for their reaction. After all, Forest had paid a lot of money for me and I was not really supplying the goods."

"But at that time, I was very low. What I needed was their support and I didn't get it," says Ian, who is now enjoying a new lease of life.

The turning point came during Forest's pre-season friendly games when Ian worked hard to get his game together before the start of the League campaign.

"After the disappointments of the last two seasons, I made up my mind to make a go of it and battle to keep my place," says Ian.

"I worked as hard as I could in the pre-season games in Germany and Spain and it paid off because I was scoring goals and playing well. I was full of confidence again."

"When the League season started, I was bubbling and I think the fans realised how hard I was working. They are now on my side."

Ian's striking partner, Garry Birtles, has seen a similar transformation in his form since his return to the City Ground after a disappointing spell at Manchester United.

He too has found his goal scoring touch and, between them, Garry and Ian have notched up more than 20 League and cup goals for Forest.

Ian recalls that he and Garry enjoyed a good spell at Nottingham before his partner's £1.25m move to Old Trafford. "We played about 15 games together and scored quite a lot of goals — the partnership looked good," says Ian.

"But in the two seasons after Garry left, I had eight or nine different partners up front and that didn't help my game."

But now the duo are back together and their performances so far this season perhaps explain why Forest are on the crest of a wave and riding high in the First Division.

Having already reached the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup, Ian is confident the Nottingham club can lift a major trophy.

"We are playing really well at the moment and I would desperately like to win something with Forest this year," says Ian.

He also fancies his chances of a Scotland recall. "The last time I played for Scotland was in the Home Internationals two seasons ago and I am keen to win my place back. On current form, I must stand a chance of doing that."

● **TURN** to page 13 for a superb action replay of the Wallace cracker that rocked Roker Park.

FOREST ON FIRE!

FOLLOWING two lean seasons by their own high standards, Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest are poised to strike it rich once more.

Strong challengers for the League Championship and bang on course for a Wembley date in the Milk Cup, Forest have the City Ground buzzing with anticipation once more.

And one of the major reasons is the renewed and revitalised partnership of strikers Ian Wallace and Garry Birtles.

But as reporter Dave Smith discovered, it's a success story that almost never was . . .

THE DAY BIRTLES NEARLY QUIT . . .

GARRY Birtles was on the verge of quitting the game during his lean spell at Old Trafford, it has been revealed.

The £1 million striker told one of his Manchester friends, City 'keeper Joe Corrigan, that he was thinking of throwing in the towel and returning to his former job as a carpet fitter.

Joe reveals: "I had a chat with Garry about a year ago when he was feeling really depressed about his form."

"He shocked me by saying he was thinking of quitting the game altogether and going back to the carpet business."

"There's nothing wrong with the carpet business," says the England 'keeper, "but for a million pound player with the world at his feet to talk like that, something had to be seriously wrong."

"Now Brian Clough has come along again and we are seeing the old Birtles once again."

"He's regained his pace and determination and I'm sure he's ready to regain his England place."

Garry himself is slightly more cautious . . . "Six months ago people would have laughed if I'd been called up for England."

"And remember, when I played a few games for England two or three years ago, I didn't have a particularly happy time so perhaps it's a little early to start talking in terms of an international recall."

Ian Wallace — back to his best goalscoring form.

CELTIC ENDS



Top: Celtic's man of the match Davie Provan pushes the ball past Rangers defenders John McClelland (4) and Craig Peterson (5) for Charlie Nicholas (out of picture) to score Celtic's opening goal.

Above: Murdo MacLeod becomes the hero of Parkhead. The young midfielder (second right) blasts the ball into the Rangers net to score Celtic's second goal.

Below: A glimmer of hope for Rangers fans. Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonner is powerless to stop this early second half free-kick from Jim Bett. It made the score 2-1 but that's how it stayed.



Goalmouth drama as Rangers goalkeeper Jim Stewart shows his agility to tip this Celtic effort over the bar for a corner.

CANNONFIRE THE JINX

CELTIC won Scotland's first major trophy of the season and ended an eight-year jinx when they lifted the League Cup at a rain-drenched Hampden Park.

First half goals from scoring sensation Charlie Nicholas — nicknamed the 'Cannonball Kid' north of the border — and midfielder Murdo MacLeod were enough to beat arch rivals Rangers 2-1.

The League Champions' record in the competition over the last eight years had been disappointing, but Billy McNeill's men made amends in an exciting 'Auld Firm' final.

Such was Celtic's superiority that the question now being asked in Scotland is who can stop the Glasgow giants completing the treble?

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP FINAL PICTURE SPECIAL

Photographer: Philip Bagnall

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SIGNED on loan one day, thrust into a blood-curdling League Cup Final clash with "Auld Firm" rivals Celtic the next.

That was Gordon Smith's return to Glasgow Rangers just two and a half years after a record £400,000 move to Brighton.

"I just couldn't believe it," admits the 27-year-old midfield player.

"Being asked to go back to

Baptism of fire!

Rangers on loan was a big surprise in itself, but to be thrown into a League Cup Final against Celtic within a matter of hours, well, that's something else.

"Facing Celtic in a League game for your debut would be bad enough, but to meet them with the Scottish League Cup at stake... that's a real baptism of fire.

"And I don't think I did myself justice. I was disappointed with my performance, although I suppose I couldn't have expected too much.

"I hardly had time to get to know the names of my team-mates, let alone get accustomed to their style of play in that short time.

"It wasn't a question of being affected by the occasion. I played in five cup finals during my first spell with Rangers, so I knew what it was all about.

"Mind you, I wasn't helped by the fact that Celtic played very well, particularly in the first half.

"I only hope that during the remainder of my loan period with Rangers, I can provide manager John Greig with the experience he is looking for to help his young side.

"There seems to be a lot of

potential right through the ranks at the club, but Rangers' fans are not noted for their patience.

"That's hardly surprising with Celtic continuously among the silverware.

"But the manager has had to virtually rebuild the Rangers team with many of his experienced players having reached their peaks at the same time.

"I believe I have returned to Scotland a more knowledgeable and experienced player from my spell in England, and I hope I can pass on some of that to the younger players."

But, at the moment, Gordon, whose loan period finishes in the middle of January, doesn't know whether his long-term future is in Scotland.

Within days of his arrival at Rangers, Brighton manager Mike Bailey was sacked, and it's possible his successor might require his services.

Gordon has an open mind about his future. "If Rangers were to make a firm bid for me at the end of my loan period, then obviously I would consider it, but I'm not homesick for a return to Scotland, or anything like that," he says.

"I would give equal

consideration to any offer from England if Brighton wanted to make me available for transfer.

"On the other hand, I would be more than happy to stay at Brighton because, overall, I have enjoyed my two and a half seasons in the First Division with them.

"I had a great first season with Alan Mullery as manager but, after Mike Bailey took over, I played in several different positions and was often made the scapegoat for poor team performances.

"So I'm not turning my back on Brighton — or England for that matter.

"When Rangers came in with a loan offer, I felt it was better than playing in Brighton Reserves.

"I wasn't on the transfer list but obviously Mike Bailey was prepared to let me go.

"Now it's just a question of waiting until the middle of January, when I could have as many as three options open to me."

● 'RANGERS are Glasgow's poor relations' — don't miss the exclusive and frank views of 'Match' columnist Gordon Strachan on Page 27 of this week's issue.



Gordon Smith — baptism of fire.

BAILEY AT THE READY

MANCHESTER United's young goalkeeper Gary Bailey believes he's ready to be included in the full England squad.

He has been tipped by many people as the 'keeper who should take over from Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence and he has played for the Under-21 side on eleven occasions — the last as captain.

And now, at the age of 24 with four years experience behind him, he is ready to take the step up the ladder.

Says Gary: "I think it would make sense for Bobby Robson to bring in a young 'keeper as an understudy to Peter Shilton — and I hope they decide it will be me.

"I would like to get some experience of being with the England squad and I think my form over the last 18 months suggests I am capable enough to be given that chance."

RIDING HIGH!

FORMER champion jockey Willie Carson would probably feel safer on the back of a horse. But at least he's in safe hands with former Arsenal goalkeeper Bob Wilson (centre) and current 'keepers Paul Barron (left), of Crystal Palace and Jake Findlay, of Luton.

They were all guests at a special sports night in Luton, which was hosted by BBC sports presenter Bob Wilson.



Wolves spoil Jones' joy

WHAT a start for former Tottenham striker Chris Jones on his debut for Second Division Crystal Palace.

Signed on a free transfer from Manchester City, Chris struck a goal within four minutes.

It completed a whirlwind two-goal start by Palace, but it was Wolves who had the last laugh, with a rip-roaring comeback to win 4-3.

TREVOR'S TRANSFER

BLACK striker Trevor Lee, who cost Gillingham a record £90,000 just under two years ago, has been transferred to Bournemouth for just £5,000 after completing a month on loan.

Famous fives win for Arsenal

ARSENAL may be struggling to achieve their usual consistent high standards in the First Division, but they already have one trophy to their name this season — the coveted Daily Express Five-a-side Championship.

Led by Brian Talbot, Arsenal defeated Aston Villa 2-0 in the final, Brian McDermott scoring the other goal.

In the Semi-Finals, Arsenal put out Luton 3-1, while Villa topped Midlands rivals Coventry 2-1.

McQueen rules out Scotland recall

AFTER Scotland's 2-0 European Championship defeat in Switzerland, there are reports that manager Jock Stein might recall some of the 'old brigade'.

One of Scotland's yesterday men is Manchester United's towering defender Gordon McQueen, but he has completely given up hopes of a recall despite impressive performances for United.

"I'd love to play for my country again, but realistically I know that Mr Stein is determined to look to younger men," he says.

"I often feel that my international career was cut short by a series of injuries which I couldn't help.

"I'm sure I never let them down on the pitch."

■ UP to the end of November, Gary Shaw stood as the only Villa player to score in the club's eight First Division away games this season.

He had scored four of the five goals, the other coming by courtesy of Stoke full-back Derek Parkin.

■ HIGH-RIDING Watford have just opened a new £200,000 railway station near their ground to cater for visiting supporters. The station — known as Watford Stadium — is designed to keep home and away fans apart and maintain a trouble-free, family atmosphere at the club.

GRIMES FOUND GUILTY

JUST a few days after figuring prominently in Eire's 3-3 European Championship draw with Spain, Manchester United's Ashley Grimes was fined a record £750 by the FA and banned for two matches.

He was found guilty of a 'technical assault' on Oxford referee Derek Hedges when sent off during Manchester United's 3-1 defeat at West Ham.



HERO'S WELCOME FOR GEMMILL

LITTLE Archie Gemmill received a hero's welcome when he returned to Derby last month as the struggling club's new skipper.

The former Scotland captain, who had been playing with Wigan on his return from America, has linked up again with the club where he earned Championship honours in the early seventies.

Archie, who left Birmingham at the end of last season, originally cost Derby £65,000 when he joined them from Preston back in 1970.

Now he has rejoined new Derby manager Peter Taylor on an 18-month contract in a bid to improve the club's declining fortunes.

CAN SUNDERLAND RESIST WALKER?

STRIKER Nigel Walker, released by Newcastle last season, is having a trial with North East rivals Sunderland.

Nigel, who made 70 League appearances for Newcastle, has just returned from a summer spell in America with San Diego.

"It's a great opportunity for me and I just hope I can make the most of it," says the 23-year-old.

DID YOU KNOW

ITALIAN clubs appear to have the 'kiss of death' over English clubs in European competitions.

Since Birmingham won the old Fairs Cup in Milan back in season 1960-61, English clubs have never managed to win a tie in Italy.

So in 26 visits by English teams since then, there have been 17 defeats and nine draws.

BRUCE Riach won a Fourth Division Championship medal with Luton in 1967-68, one in Division Three with Aston Villa in 1971-72 and one in Division One with Derby in 1974-75.

Now he's aiming to bag another Fourth Division medal as player-manager of Torquay.



Jim Blyth — played for more than an hour with a broken arm.

BLYTH SPIRIT!

Jim plays on — with broken arm

BIRMINGHAM goalkeeper Jim Blyth has told of his great St Andrews con-trick when he played for more than an hour with a badly broken right arm.

The Scottish international, just recalled after a five-match absence, was injured 15 minutes before half-time after diving at the feet of Sunderland defender Gordon Chisholm.

He decided to carry on in the second half even though he knew he had broken the arm, and it was not until the last 15 minutes that Sunderland suddenly realised he was injured.

"I was given a fair amount of protection by the lads and I was punching balls that on other occasions I would have caught," says Jim, who underwent an operation a few days after the game in a bid to speed up his recovery.

"The fans were also giving me a bit of stick because they obviously didn't realise why I was being a little unorthodox.

"But it fooled the Sunderland players until about the last 15 minutes when they started pumping high balls into the box.

"However, I managed to keep a clean sheet until the last minute when Gary Rowell

scrambled a goal."

And Jim was delighted that the gamble paid off even though he'll be out of action until the end of January.

"I didn't know the real extent of the damage until a half-time check by the doctor," says the former Coventry 'keeper who joined Birmingham this season on a free transfer.

"The arm felt sore at first, and it was only a few minutes later when I felt sick and weak that I realised it was badly damaged.

"But manager Ron Saunders asked me whether I would be prepared to carry on.

"He felt that with the score at 0-0, Sunderland would get a psychological advantage if they saw us without a proper goalkeeper in the second half.

"I was prepared to give it a go and, as a result, it worked with Birmingham extending their unbeaten run to nine games with a 2-1 win.

"I didn't see any of the Sunderland players after the match because I went off to hospital, but one of their directors came into the dressing room to acknowledge my display."

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

ALL ON THE BLACK!

WITH black players set to play vital roles in the future of the England international team, a book has been published charting the meteoric rise of black footballers in recent years.

Called 'Black Pearls of Soccer', it has been written by leading black sportswriter Al Hamilton.

The 72-page book is packed with action photographs and biographical details on the current breed of black players and some of their predecessors in League football.

Published by Harrap, it costs £3.95.

■ A FULL and fascinating rundown of every Scottish international from 1872 to present day is included in the four-part 'Who's Who of Scottish Internationalists' compiled by Douglas Lamming. The sets are available at a cost of £8.64 from: The Association of Football Statisticians, 5 Hempstalls, Basildon, Essex SS15 5AA.

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In addition there will be an exhibition section with famous players' caps, shirts, pennants, plus a display of football badges.

The Fair will be open from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

DANNY'S THE BOY

CHESTERFIELD midfielder Danny Wilson, whose impressive form this season has attracted several bigger clubs, receives Match Weekly's October 'Matchman of the Month' award for the Third Division from his club chairman, Ian Gaunt.

SIDELINED STEVE

STEVE Mackenzie, West Brom's £500,000 midfield player, looks like being out of football for the rest of the season.

Steve, signed last season after scoring a brilliant goal for Manchester City in their FA Cup Final replay defeat by Tottenham, has been out of action since the opening day of the season.

The former Crystal Palace player has a pelvic injury and faces an operation that could keep him out of action for several months.



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IPSWICH can finish in the top three for the fourth successive season!

It's amazing how football fortunes and opinions can change in a matter of weeks.

At the beginning of November, we were fifth from bottom and struggling to produce the quality football that has been our trademark over the past few seasons.

We were being written off as a spent force and manager Bobby Ferguson was under some pressure, with transfer requests from international strikers Eric Gates and Alan Brazil to add to the problems.

After a 2-1 defeat at Nottingham Forest on November 6, we were 18th in the table, some nine points behind the team in second place, which was then Manchester City.

But after our 3-2 win at Sunderland a month later, we had jumped eleven places and were only four points adrift of Manchester United in second place after a run of four wins and a draw.

Now we are being talked of in terms of title contenders by the very same people who were condemning us to a relegation struggle a few weeks ago.

There is no question that our pride was hurt when occupying such a lowly position, but I never lost faith in the team's ability to haul themselves back into the race for places in Europe.

I always felt we were in a false position, and that has been proved by our recent run of success.

Confidence has gradually flowed back into the team and, over the past month, we have produced some of our best football of the season.

We have been putting away a few more chances, and have also been less charitable at the other end.

I remember a similar situation just three seasons ago when, at the beginning of December, we were in one of the relegation positions.

But then we embarked on an incredible sequence of 23 games without defeat to eventually finish third.

Although there is still a long way to go in the title race, our aim at the moment is to clinch a place in Europe.

I still regard Liverpool and Manchester United as the two main title contenders, although I am surprised that they haven't opened up a gap at the top.

That was my main concern while we were faltering at the

WE COME!

wrong end of the table, battling to recapture our form.

I honestly thought those two teams would draw away from the pack, leaving ourselves in particular with very little chance of catching them.

But that hasn't happened and, along with teams like Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest, we have slipped quietly into the reckoning.

I certainly feel we are capable of finishing in the top three, and, after our poor start to the season, that would be some achievement.

Having been dumped out of the UEFA Cup at the first hurdle for the past two seasons, we are desperately keen to provide our loyal fans with an exciting run in Europe.

Despite our indifferent early season form, they stuck by us and it would be nice to reward them at the end of the season.

The only cloud at Ipswich at the moment is the possibility of transfers involving Eric Gates and Alan Brazil, which, if they occur, could affect our hopes of a continued challenge.

But with money scarce at the moment, it could be that both players will still be here at the end of the season.

Alan Brazil certainly looked sharp at Sunderland where he scored twice and could easily have finished with five to his credit.

I wouldn't have minded one of his goals because, up to last Saturday, I hadn't scored since the end of September.

I had a couple of good chances at Sunderland and I was disappointed not to figure on the scoresheet along with Alan and Eric.

I'm not too concerned at the moment about the lack of goals because I'm playing well outside the penalty area and creating goals for my fellow strikers.

I know that manager Bobby Ferguson has been delighted with my contribution.

You need a little bit of luck in the box, and perhaps I'm just not getting the rub of the green when I want it, but it's certainly not through lack of trying.

My disappointment in not scoring has been overcome to some extent by the current form of the team and my being captain at a stage when everything is going well.

I'd like to make some reference at this stage to the form of some of the younger players in the squad.

We don't have a big squad at Portman Road, and there were worries when skipper Mick Mills left the camp for Southampton.

We wondered about the left-back situation, but in came young Irvin Gernon to prove a more than capable replacement.

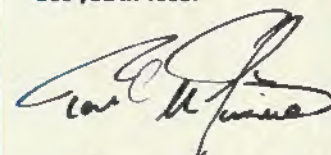
When he was injured at Coventry, we were again concerned, but up popped young David Barnes, a lad we signed from Coventry this season, and he's done an equally sound job in that position.

Both now find themselves staking claims for permanent places as we come up to the hectic holiday programme.

This weekend we make the trip to Watford, who have proved a tough nut to crack this season, and that's followed by a home 'derby' with Norwich and a visit to our old rivals Aston Villa over Christmas.

I hope that after those three tough matches, we are still in a position of strength to challenge strongly for honours in the New Year.

See you in 1983!



● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.



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TARGET Europe! Ipswich skipper and England centre-forward Paul Mariner brings you his exclusive views on the upturn in fortunes at Portman Road.



ANDY McCulloch became Sheffield Wednesday's Milk Cup hero less than three months after crawling from the wreckage of an overturned car.

The striker earned Wednesday a glamorous Milk Cup Quarter Final tie with mighty Arsenal after scoring the winner against Yorkshire rivals Barnsley.

Andy had a lucky escape while he was returning from a golf match at nearby Worksop. He explains: "I saw this car coming straight for me.

"I had to take evasive action. I swerved to miss him, but the car went up the kerb and out of control. It somersaulted three times before coming to a stop.

"I didn't have a safety belt on and the impact threw me into the passenger's seat. I can remember crawling out with the engine still running and petrol leaking out of the tank.

"Looking back I was very lucky to escape with minor injuries," says Andy, who had to stay in hospital overnight for observation.

"My knee took the brunt of the punishment because it was smacked against the dashboard. I was out of action for five weeks.

"The accident really shook me up. I take it much easier on the roads nowadays," says Andy, who's car was a total write-off.

Andy admits that he made his return to the first team too early. He played in the 2-2 draw at Cambridge because manager Jack Charlton had a desperate injury crisis.

"I'm a mug like that. I knew I wasn't fit but I played to help Jack out," says the much-travelled striker who has seen service with QPR, Cardiff, Oxford and Brentford.

Andy believes that his goal against Barnsley in the last round of the Milk Cup — in front of 33,000 fans — signalled his return to form.

"I feel I'm getting back to full fitness now. At my age it takes a little longer than the younger ones," says the 30-year-old.

Andy admits: "I'm disappointed with the draw at Highbury. At this stage of the competition we'd have loved to have got a home tie.

"But we're not scared of 'The Gunners'. On our day

I'm sure that Wednesday can beat anyone. The cup is a one off situation and anything can happen.

"Arsenal were lucky to beat Huddersfield in the last round so we must stand a good chance of beating them. After all they are going through an indifferent patch at the moment."

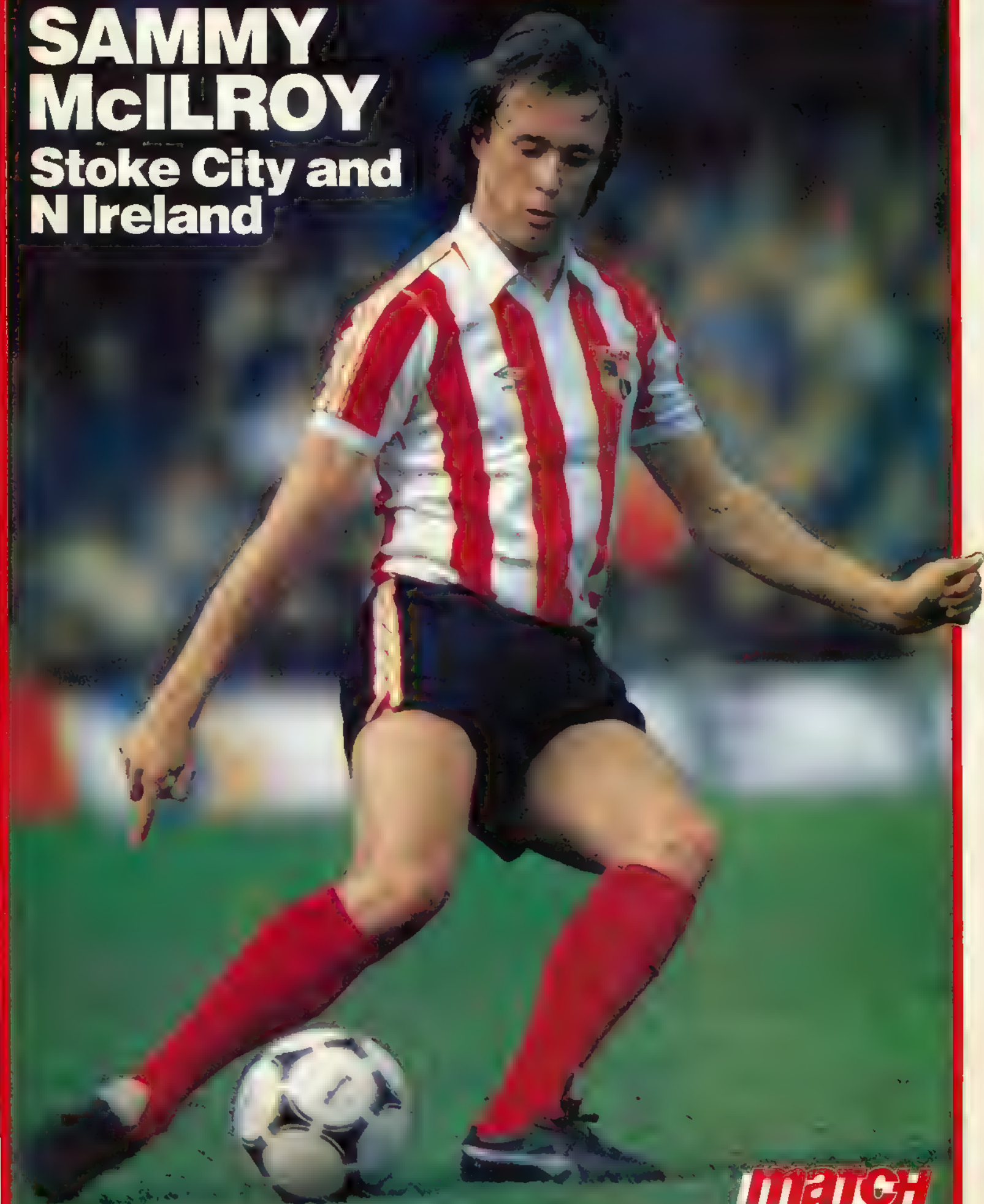
Andy believes that Wednesday have the players who love the big occasion and will relish playing the First Division side.

The last time Wednesday and Arsenal met in a cup competition was in 1979 and it took five meetings to finally get a result."

ESCAPE TO VICTORY

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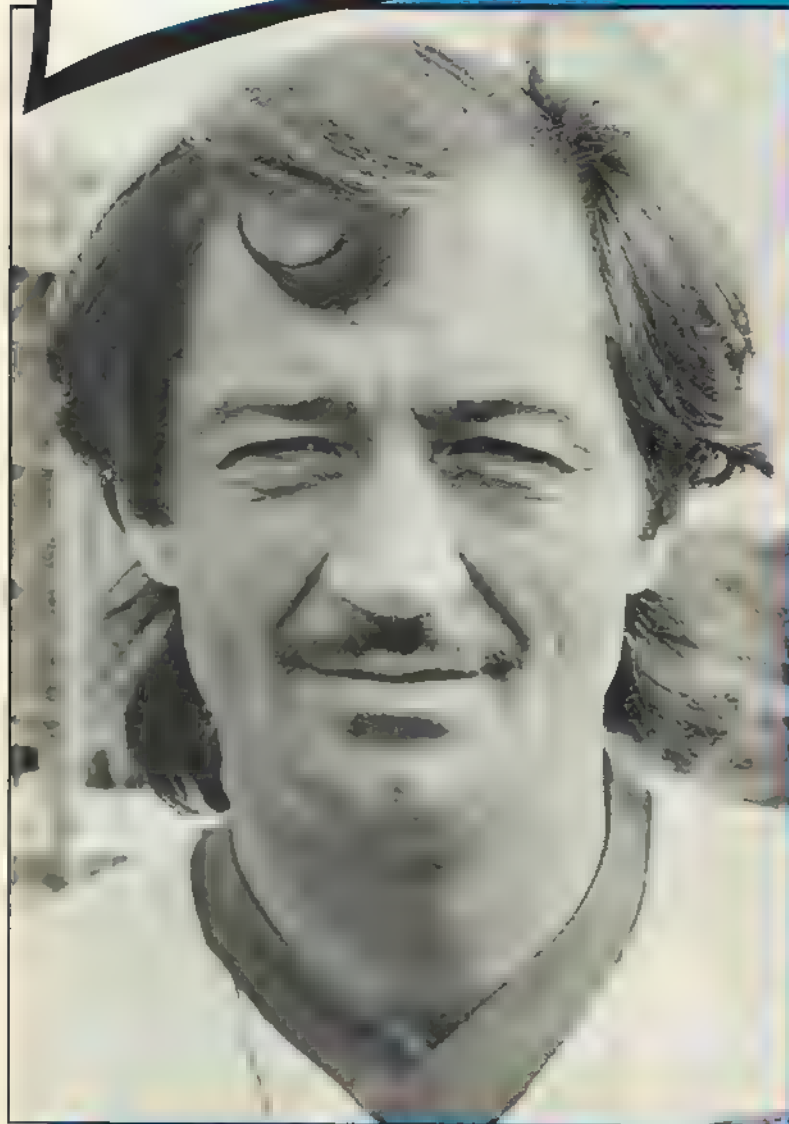


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'MATCH' talks to one of the most colourful characters in the game, Frank Worthington, about the latest twist in his distinguished career.

'I'LL PROVE I'M NOT PAST IT!'

— Frank Worthington



Sunderland's new signing Frank Worthington: "I can go on playing at the top level for another two or three years."

FRANK Worthington, one of the game's great characters, is back in the First Division determined to prove that even at the age of 34, he's not over the hill.

Following his move to struggling Sunderland, Frank told MATCH: "I can go on playing at the top level for another two or three years — and keep scoring goals."

The much-travelled striker looks set to join the elite group of players who have scored over 100 League goals, Frank says: "I'm sure I'll manage that before the end of the season."

The former England star joined the passionate North East club in a £50,000 deal with Second Division Leeds.

"I wasn't happy with the way things were going at Leeds and I didn't think I was getting the necessary services from midfield, production has been the target," he says.

"I don't think that the season was going to improve very much unless there was a dramatic change in style and there was a way of that happening because Leeds do not have the money to spend on new players."

"I had a chat with manager Eddie Gray and we both agreed that the best thing would be for me to move on."

"I didn't want to go back to Division Two and I told Eddie at the start of the season that I wanted to leave," says Frank, who has had spells with Huddersfield, Leicester, Bolton and Birmingham.

"He said he wanted me to stay and I eventually agreed to carry on playing for Leeds and give it my best shot. But it soon became plain that things weren't going to work out and I eventually agreed to release

news that the prolific goalscorer was seeking a transfer sparked considerable interest among several First Division clubs, including the two Manchester sides.

Frank's move to the second tier was the years that he is a great fan of United and admits that he would have loved to have joined the Old Trafford club.

But that deal fell through. "I don't think Manchester United were prepared to spend money on a 34-year-old player, although they would probably have taken me on a free transfer."

But Leeds would not agree to that and Sunderland were the only side to come up with the cash. Adds Frank, who signed an 18-month contract with the Black Cats.

Although Sunderland are struggling at the bottom of the First Division, Frank is sure that will improve.

"The atmosphere in the club is excellent and there is a lot of enthusiasm and spirit here."

Alan Durban bought me to add some experience to a relatively young side and settle them down in the First Division."

Frank sees the move as a personal challenge, but he says: "That is nothing new to me and I'm really looking forward to it."

"Obviously the challenge is more because of the situation the club is in, but if we can get away from the bottom and stay in the First Division, I'll have achieved our aim."

He found the net on his debut as his new club in the 3-2 home defeat at the hands of Ipswich prior to last weekend, needed just nine more goals to reach that magic figure.

Pen pals

I AM an 18-year-old Hartlepool fan, but like all teams in the First Division. I would like a female pen pal of about 16-18 years of age. Graham Mitchell, 57 Grosvenor Street, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

I AM a 15-year-old Finnish boy and support West Ham United. I would like a pen pal who lives in London and can

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I AM a 19-year-old Cameroon student who loves exciting football. I also like pop music, films, travelling and tennis. I would like to correspond with people in England and Europe of similar age and interests. Martin Ndichia, Students' Union, University of Keele, Staffs.

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I AM a 16-year-old Tottenham supporter and my favourite player is Steve Perryman. I would like a male pen pal between the ages of 16 and 20 who is a regular at White Hart Lane. Kay Toulson, 11 Launceston Drive, East Herrington, Sunderland SR3 3QD.

Ian Wallace
Nottingham Forest
Scottish striker
whose superb goal
shattered
Sunderland

GOLDEN GOAL!

SUNDERLAND 0, NOTT'M FOREST 1
League Division One, Roker Park
Saturday, November 28, 1982

STRUGGLING Sunderland suffered the chilling effects of the old 'one-two' from Nottingham Forest's in-form striking twins Ian Wallace and Garry Birtles.

The Roker Park side were buried early in the second half by a rapier thrust from the re-born striking partnership whose near-telepathic understanding was never better illustrated than by Ian's 'Golden Goal'.

Revitalised Garry did the spadework while his Scottish international partner read the situation with cunning accuracy to drill an unstoppable winner past the despairing Chris Turner in the Sunderland goal.

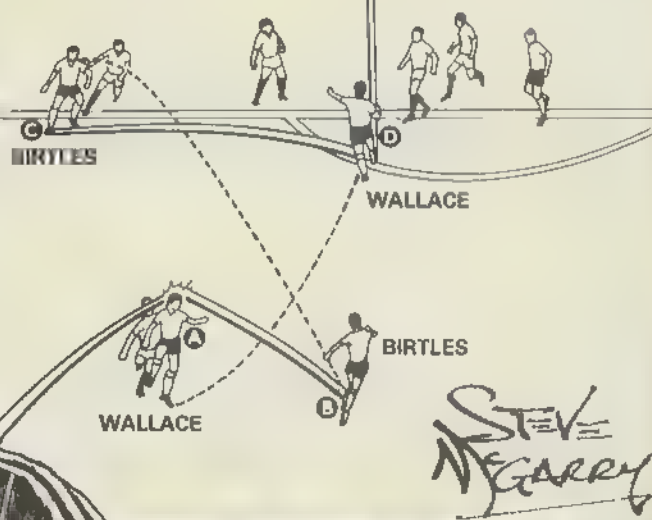
It was a goal of simplicity in its construction, yet it contained all the qualities required to make a strike less lethal.

Ian hounded on goalkeeper Van Breukelen's long clearance, Garry made a diagonal run to create space down the middle, and Ian took the short route to go before transforming Garry's lateral return into a brilliant Forest match-winner.

Know Garry Birtles — he is on the goal!

(A) Wallace wins the ball in the air and sets Garry Birtles (B) off on a run to the edge of the box.

(C) Birtles checks back and plays the return into the path of Wallace, who has sprinted into space. His first-time volley (D) leaves goalkeeper Chris Turner with no chance.



IAN WALLACE Nottingham Forest

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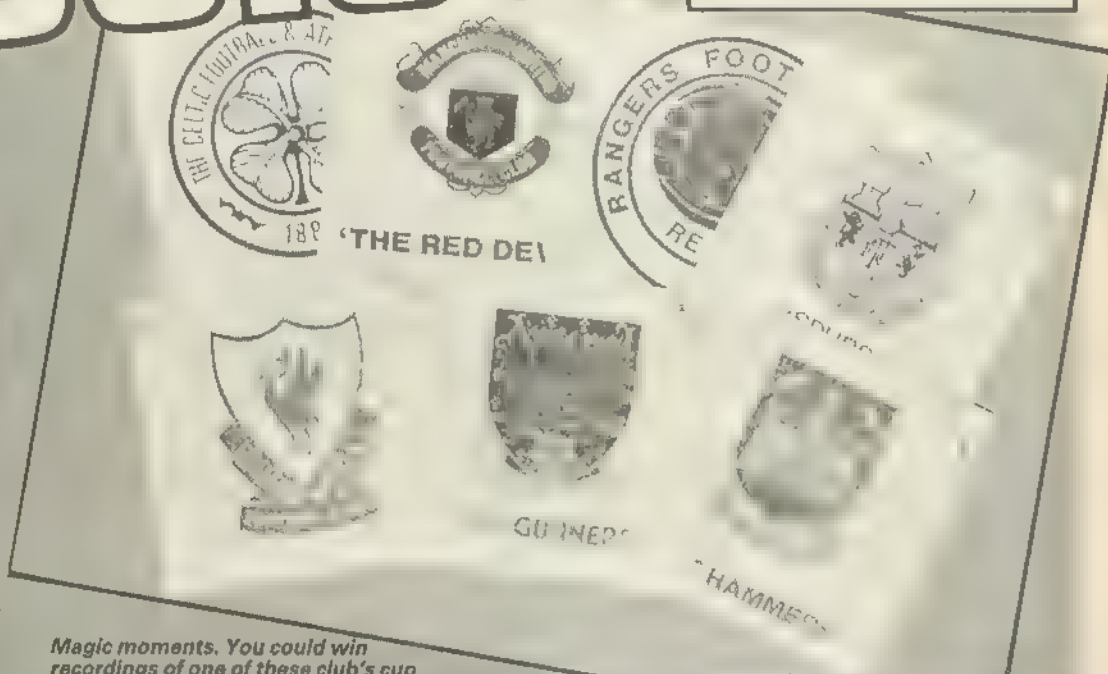
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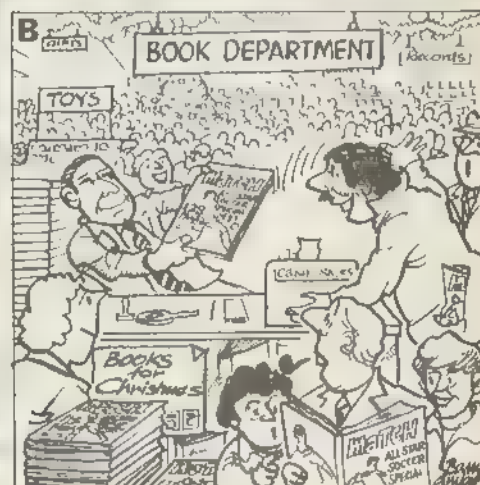
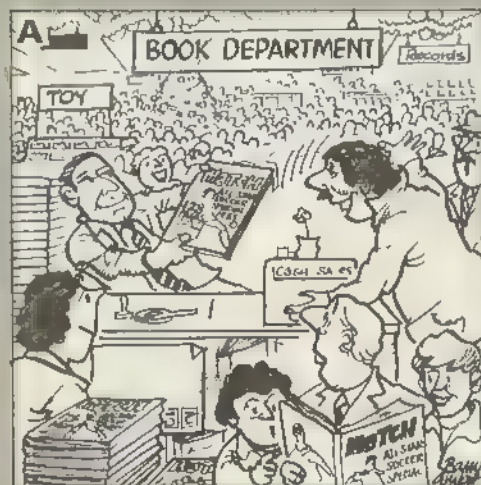
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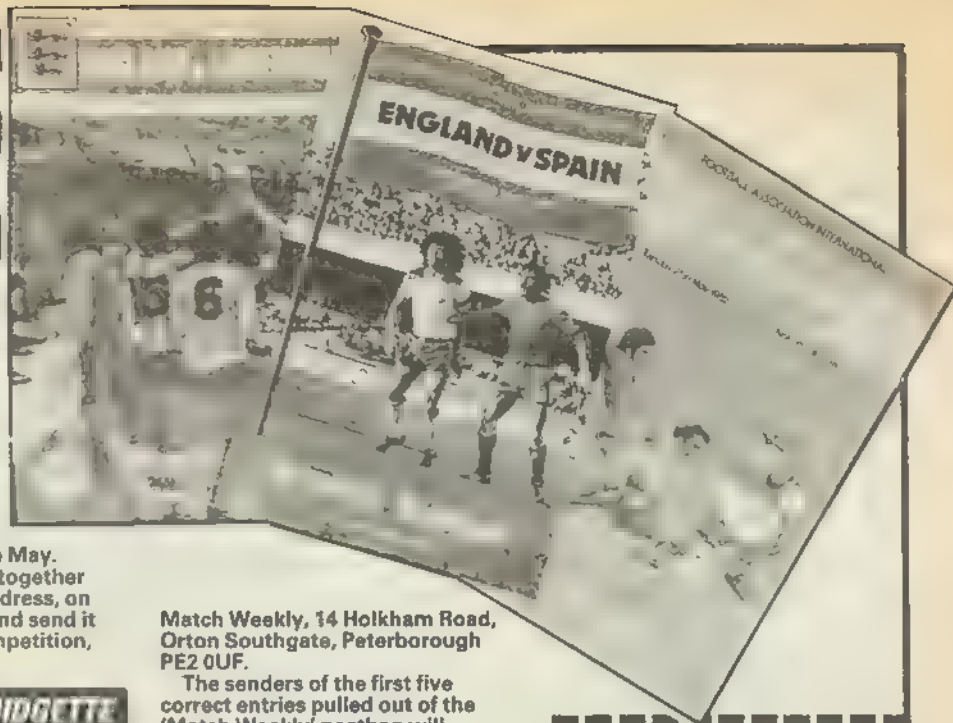
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There was plenty of club information and action pictures, and it represented reasonable value for money.

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★★★★ Superb; ★★★ Good;

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How the Sheffield

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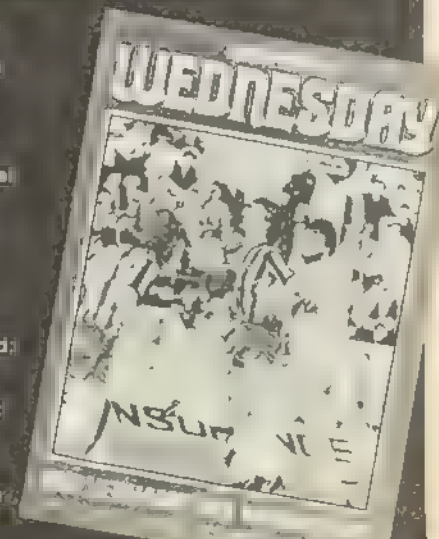
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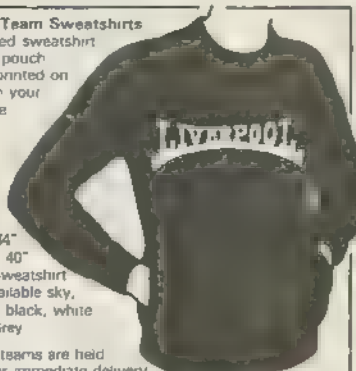
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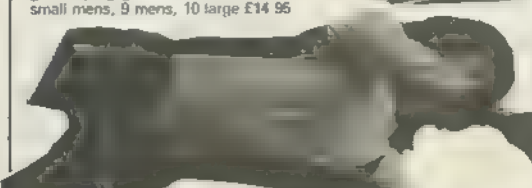
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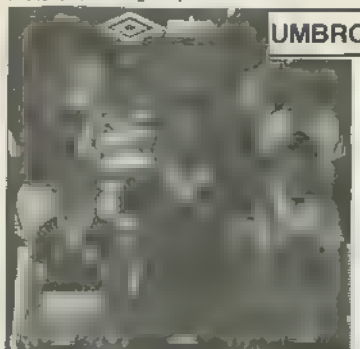
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MY FEAR:

**I MAY
HAVE
TO QUIT**

THE secret fear that has haunted me all year is that I might have to quit playing football.

More than 12 months have passed since I was carried off the Wembley pitch on a stretcher during England's vital World Cup qualifier against Hungary, but the knee still isn't quite right.

It cost me a place in the 22 for Spain and despite an operation in the summer, it has resorted to surgery, again this season.

There have been times when I have thought there is something drastically wrong and that I might have to quit. It has been that much of a worry.

The worry came in September after our game at Southampton at The Dell. Following close season surgery, I thought all my problems were over. Then it swelled up again.

The most frustrating thing is that the injury is still a mystery after all this time. It has even baffled. I've spoken to top surgeons and they say there is nothing wrong with the knee.

I like to think that there's a few more years left in me yet, but it makes you wonder when an injury like this comes in, it's a real worry.

The knee isn't 100 per cent and it's now a matter of treating it with respect. That means giving it a lot of rest between games.

Since the latest trouble, I haven't been training regularly with the rest of the United team. I've been working on my own and that's hard to take.

One of the problems is that a professional footballer is having a laugh and joke at training and it's miserable that because of the injury.

It seems to me getting better, but I still don't have full confidence in the knee. Although it doesn't restrict me in any way, I'm aware of it when I play.

At the moment, I'm concentrating on keeping the swelling down and, when I do train, I make sure that I don't overdo it.

At least I wasn't stopped from playing for United and I was more than happy after our 1-0 win over First Division newcomers Watford at the Vicarage Road ground.

Following a couple of cup defeats, Watford were becoming something of a bogey side to United so it was great to get the matter straight.

What made the victory even more valuable was the fact that Liverpool were surprisingly beaten 1-0 at Norwich and we were able to close the gap at the top of the First Division.

If Liverpool hadn't slipped, we were in danger of falling too far behind them in the Championship chase. At least now the gap has been closed.

Watford have come in for a lot of stick because of their tactics this season, but I can't understand what people are complaining about.

It's been said that their high ball tactics could set the English game back ten years — what rubbish! Their style encourages attack because it gets the ball into the opposition danger area as much as possible.

Graham Taylor has the players

who can make the system work. It would be stupid of him to employ a different style which doesn't get results.

Elton John is a good singer for many people this season and I believe they are good enough to qualify for a place in Europe. They won't blow us as much as they did last time.

United's approach this Christmas period — one of the most critical times in the season — full of confidence. We'll be looking for five points from our games against Swansea, Sunderland and Coventry.

One thing is for sure, I don't do much worse than we did last term in the corresponding games against the three clubs. We picked up a grand total of one point.

Swansea have proved a disappointment this season because I expected them to be a serious challenge for the title. I'm sure their problems will be short-lived because their backroom staff are good.

On paper we should beat Sunderland at Old Trafford. But the Roker Park club always give us a hard time so I'm sure it's a tough battle.

Sunderland have been boosted by the signing of former England international Frank Worthington — a player who has played at any level.

THE STEVE COPPELL COLUMN

The Manchester United and England favourite makes a shock admission

Worthington is known as a superb scorer and when he came up to A.T. last season, we built up a reputation battle with Garry Birtles.

On the day, Garry, who's since gone to Nottingham Forest, outscorped me with a pretty little number, but Frank turned in a modest goal. Garry got the last one.

A day after the Sunderland game, we're off to Coventry. We face the old-time rivals, Dave Sexton.

Dave's record against me is a point more than a double over us last term and we're all determined to get revenge for that. We've got to beat teams like Coventry if we're to stand a chance of lifting the trophy.

That's one of the secrets of Liverpool's success. They consistently beat the top teams whereas others are content to sit up against them.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Steve Coppell

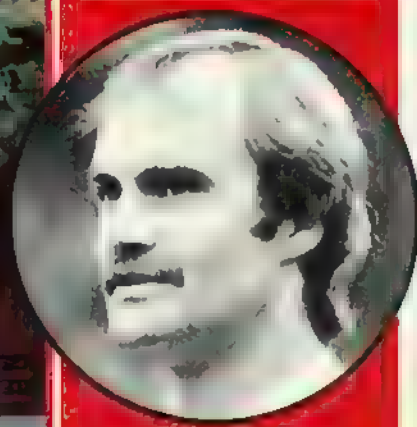
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Steve Coppell was interviewed by Anthony Hawke.

SOUTHA



AMPTON



Back row
(left to right):
Dennis Rofe,
Mark Whitlock,
Justin Fashanu
(on loan),
Mark Wright,
George Lawrence,
Keith Cassells,
David Armstrong.

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Lew Chatterley (coach),
Steve Baker,
Reuben Agboola,
Peter Wells,
Peter Shilton,
David Puckett,
Danny Wallace,
John Mortimore
(assistant manager).

Front row:
Steve Moran,
Steve Williams,
Alan Bell
(now in Hong Kong),
Lawrie McMenemy
(manager),
Nick Holmes,
Malcolm Waldron,
Chris Nicholl.

Inset: Mick Mills.

match
WEEKLY

STAR CHALLENGE

FORMER Liverpool and England midfield star Ray Kennedy is the man in the 'Star Challenge' hot seat this week.

The Swansea skipper is our special guest and he's been chosen by Wheatley, Doncaster reader Peter Cooke.

Ray's team are surprisingly struggling to find their true form this season and they face a tough test at the Vetch Field on Saturday, when they take on Championship hopefuls Manchester United.

In the same fixture last year, Welsh internationals Alan Curtis and Robbie James scored the goals which gave 'The Swans' a 2-0 win, but they face a much more confident United this time round.

League champions Liverpool travel to Villa Park and will be looking for another three points to keep their lead at the top of the First Division.

Former Manchester City striker Michael Robinson goes back to Maine Road with Brighton hoping for a better return than last season. His side were walloped 4-0.

Ray has predicted the scorelines of 10 First Division matches and you can see his forecasts alongside Peter's.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the forecasts are and if Peter

scores more than Ray he will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

And don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

We haven't received many entries from North of the border... so come on you Scottish readers! Send in the names of the players you'd like to challenge.

● 'MATCH' reader Elizabeth Jamieson, of Southampton drew 5-5 with Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar in the December 4 'Star Challenge'.



'Match' reader Peter Cooke of Doncaster and the former England star Ray Kennedy who he's selected for his 'Star Challenge'.



RAY KENNEDY

IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

FIXTURES

Saturday, December 18

DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Liverpool
Coventry v Stoke
Everton v Luton
Man. City v Brighton
Norwich v Nott'm For
Notts Co. v West Ham
So'ton v WBA
Sunderland v Arsenal
Swansea v Man. Utd
Tottenham v Birmingham
Watford v Ipswich

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Rotherham
Carlisle v Fulham
Charlton v Barnsley
Chelsea v Bolton
Derby v C. Palace
Grimsby v Burnley
Leeds v Shrewsbury
Leicester v Oldham
Sheff Wed v Newcastle
Wolves v QPR

DIVISION THREE

Bradford v Sheff. Utd
Brentford v Exeter
Bristol R. v Wrexham
Chesterfield v P'tsmouth
Doncaster v Millwall
Lincoln v Bournemouth
Newport v Walsall
Plymouth v Gillingham
Reading v Huddersfield
Wigan v Oxford

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Scunthorpe
Bury v Bristol City
Chester v York
Darlington v Peterbo
Hereford v Northampton
Port Vale v Wimbledon
Rochdale v Aldershot
Swindon v Hartlepool

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

Dundee v Aberdeen
Kilmarnock v Celtic
Morton v Dundee U.
Motherwell v Hibernian
Rangers v St Mirren

FIRST DIVISION

Aloa v Ayr
Clyde v Dunfermline
Dumbarton v Airdrie
Hamilton v St Johnstone
Hearts v Queen's Pk
Partick v Falkirk
Raith v Clydebank

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v East Fife
Cowdenbeath v Albion R.
E. Stirling v Brechin
Meadowbank v Stranraer
Montrose v Berwick
Queen of Sth v Forfar
Stenhousemuir v Stirling A.

● **DON'T miss our super Match Facts — you're not a real football fan without it. Keep up to date with football's most comprehensive results service every week.**

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Aston Villa v Liverpool	2-3	0-2		
Coventry v Stoke	0-1	0-0		
Everton v Luton	3-3	0-1		
Man. City v Brighton	2-1	1-1		
Norwich v Nottm F.	0-3	0-2		
Notts Co. v West Ham	1-2	2-0		
So'ton v WBA	0-2	1-0		
Sunderland v Arsenal	1-1	1-2		
Tottenham v Birmingham	3-0	3-1		
Watford v Ipswich	2-0	2-1		

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Monday, Dec. 6

**League Trophy
Quarter-Final**

MILLWALL (0) 1 (West)
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Lester)
After Extra Time Millwall win 4-2 on pens
Att: 2,081

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Milk Cup, Fourth Round

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 3 (McCulloch 50
Christie 53, Hunt 83)
WEST HAM (0) 3 (Van der Elst 66, 74, 85)
Att: 7,525
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7,
Worthington 7, Hunt 7, Kildane 6, Richards 7,
Chiedozi 7. *CHRISTIE 8, McCulloch 7,
Hooks 6, Mars 7
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7,
Orr 7, Martin 8, Devonshire 8. *VAN DER
ELST 9, Goddard 8, Carr 7 (sub: Brush 7),
Allen 7, Pike 7
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ***

Division One

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Whyte 10, Woodcock 30)
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (McNaught 41)
Att: 17,384
Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 7, Taylor 6,
O'Leary 6, Whyte 7, Davis 7
*SUNDERLAND 8, Robson 7, Woodcock 7,
Rix 6
Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Jones 7, Williams 7,
*EVANS 8, McNaught 6, Heard 6 (sub:
Waters), Bremner 6, Shaw 6, Withe 6,
Cowans 6, Morley 6
Referee: D. Lettis (Hampshire)
Match Rating: ***
Sending Off: Wood (Arsenal)

Division Three

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Hutton 4)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Henderson 74)
Att: 3,813
Cardiff: *DIBBLE 8, Jones 6, Bodin 7, Tong 6,
Dwyer 6, Mulen 6, Bennett, D. G. Gibbins 7,
Hutton 6, Hammerman 6, Lewis 5
Chesterfield: Gregory 7, Bellamy 5, Polard 5,
Wilson 6, Green 6, Hemson 6, Robinson 6,
*HENDERSON 8, Walker 5, Kowalski 6,
Windridge 6
Referee: M. James (Sussex)
Match Rating: ***

Wednesday, Dec. 8

**UEFA Cup Third Round,
Second Leg**

WERDER BREMEN (W. Germany) (0) 1
(Voellen 48)
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Hegarty 3)
Dundee United win 3-2 on aggregate
Att: 40,000

Other results: Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 1,
Anderlecht (Belgium) 0 (Agg 2-6), Benfica
(Portugal) 4, FC Zurich (Switzerland) 0
(Agg 5-1), Uni Craiova (Romania) 2,
Girondins (France) 0 (Agg 2-1), Roma
(Italy) 2, Cologne (W. Germany) 0 (Agg 2-
12-1), Bohemians (Czech) 2, Servette
(Switzerland) 1 (Agg 4-3), Valencia (Spain)
2, Moscow Spartak (USSR) 0 (Agg 2-0),
Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) 4, Sevilla
(Spain) 0 (Agg 4-1)

**League Trophy
Quarter-Finals**

LINCOLN (0) 3 (Bell 3 (1 pen))
NORWICH (0) 1 (Fashanu)
Att: 3,853
Sending Off: Deehan (Norwich)

PLAYER RATINGS

10 Out of this world
9 Outstanding
8 Excellent
7 Good
6 Adequate
5 Off form
4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ Classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

READING (1) 5 (Donnellan 3, O'Sullivan
Dixon)
WATFORD (1) 3 (Barnes 2, Bissett)
After Extra Time
Att: 3,517

Friday, Dec. 10

Division Four

STOCKPORT (0) 3 (Quinn 61, 67, 80)
CREWE (0) 2 (Wright 60, Waller 79)
Att: 1,860
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 7, Sherlock 7,
Emerson 7, Bowles 8, Thorpe 7, Smith 7,
Phillips 6, *QUINN 9, Park 7, Coyne 8,
Crewe: Smith 7, Salathiel 7, Bowers 7,
Craven 7, Scott 6, Hart 7, Haslegrave 7,
Wright 7, *WALLER 8, Evans 6 (sub:
Hannon 6), Cliss 7
Referee: P. Willis (Meadowdale)
Match Rating: ***

Saturday, Dec. 11

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Moran 67, Wallace 80)
Att: 11,199
Birmingham: Cotton 5, Hagan 5, Van Den
Hauwe 6, *STEVENS 7, Blake 6,
Broadhurst 5 (sub: Brazier 5), Dillon 6, Evans
4, Ferguson 4, Curbishley 6, Handysides 6,
Southampton: Shilton 6, Agboola 6, Mills 6,
Williams 7, Nicholl 6, Wright 6, Holmes 6,
Moran 5, Puckett 5, *ARMSTRONG 8,
Wallace 7
Referee: R. Nixon (West Kirby)
Match Rating: *

BRIGHTON (1) 3 (Case 34, Ritchie 75,
Robinson 77)
NORWICH (0) 0
Att: 9,994
Brighton: Digweed 6, Ramsey 6, Nelson 7,
Greenish 7, Foster 7, Stevens 7, Case 8,
*RITCHIE 9, Robinson 8, Ward 8, Galtling 7,
Norwich: Woods 6, Haycock 6, Hareide 7, Van
Wyk 6, Watford 6 (sub: Crowe), McGuire 7,
Jack 6, *O'NEILL 8, Deehan 6, Berischn 7,
Mounford 6
Referee: M. Taylor (Warrington)
Match Rating: ****

IPSWICH (0) 0
EVERTON (0) 2 (Sheedy 61, Richardson 90)
Att: 17,512
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 6 (sub:
O'Callaghan 6), Barnes 6, Thissen 6, Osman
6, Butcher 6, Wark 6, *McCALL 7, Mariner
5, Brazil 5, Gates 5
Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 7, Bailey 7,
Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 7, McMahon 7,
*CURRAN 8, Heath 7, Johnson 7,
Richardson 6, Sheedy 6
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ***

LIVERPOOL (3) 3 (Rush 23, Neal 33, pen 43)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Rostron 55)
Att: 36,690
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 8, Kennedy 7,
Thompson 7 (sub: Fairclough 6), Whelan 7,
Hansen 7, *DALGLISH 9, Lee 8, Rush 8,
Johnston 7, Souhees 7
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 7,
Taylor 6, Sims 6, Bolton 7, *CALLAGHAN 8,
Bissett 7, Jenkins 7, Jackell 6, Barnes 7,
Referee: C. Newsome (Shropshire)
Match Rating: ****

LUTON (0) 3 (Walsh 54, Stein 89, 85)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Cross 65)
Att: 11,013
Luton: Fendley 5, Stephens 7, Money 6,
Horton 7, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, *HILL 8,
Stein 7, Walsh 7, Turner 5, Moss 6,
Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 5,
*McDONALD 7, Reid 6, Power 6, Caton 6,
Teat 5, Reeves 5, Cross 6, Hartford 6, Bond
5
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ***

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 4 (Whiteside 24,
Stapleton 54, Robson 56, Duxbury 89)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
Att: 33,618
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 7,
Moses 6, Moran 6, McQueen 7, *ROBSON 8,
(sub: Grimes), Muhren 7, Stapleton 7,
Whiteside 5, Coppell 6
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6,
Worthington 6, Hunt 6, Kildane 7, Richards 5,
*CHIEDOZI 8, Christie 5, McCulloch 6,
Hooks 5, Mars 5 (sub: Goodwin 6)
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ***

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2 (Walsh 25,
Proctor 58)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (James, R 77)
Att: 14,585
Nott'm Forest: Sutton 7, Swain 7, Bowyer 7,
Gunn 7, Young 7, Walsh 7, Proctor 7, Wallace 7,
Birrell 7, *HODGE 8, Robertson 7
Swansea: Davies 7, Stanley 6, Hadzabdovic 6,
Robinson 6, Kennedy 5 (sub: James, L. 6),
Rajkovic 6, Curtis 7, *JAMES, R. 8,
Mahoney 6, Charles 6, Latchford 6
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ***

STOKE (1) 2 (Watson 4, McIlroy 65)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Att: 15,849
Stoke: Fox 8, Parkin 7, Hampton 7, Bracewell 7,
Watson 8, Berry 7, Maguire 7, McIlroy 8,
O'Callaghan 8, *THOMAS 9, Chamberlain 8,
M. 6
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Price 6, Lacy 5,
Villa 6, *ROBERTS 8, Mabbett 7,
Archibald 6, Gavin 6, Hoddle 7, Crooks (sub:
Corbett 5)
Referee: R. A. Banks (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ***

WEST BROM (2) 3 (Robertson 20, Owen 26,
Zondervan 75)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0
Att: 11,136
West Brom: Godden 6, Whitehead 8,
Statham 7, *ZONDERVAN 9, Wile 7,
Robertson 7, Jol 7, Cross 5 (sub: Mills, Regis
5, Owen 7, Eastoe 6)
Sunderland: Prudhoe 6, Venison 7, Munro 7,
Atkins 6, Hininger 5, Elliott 6, Nichol 6,
Rowell 5, Worthington 7, Pickering 7
*COOKE 8
Referee: R. Guy (Liverpool)
Match Rating: ***

WEST HAM (0) 0
COVENTRY (3) 3 (Hateley 36, Roberts 43,
Whitton 44)
Att: 19,321
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Lampard 6,
Orr 6, Gallagher 7, Devonshire 5 (sub:
Morgan 5), Van der Elst 6, Goddard 6, Brush
5, Allen 6, *PIKE 8

Coventry: Sealey 7, *THOMAS 9, Roberts 8,
Butterworth 7, Dyson 8, Gilespie 8,
Whitton 7, Jacobs 7, Hateley 8, Melrose 7,
Hunt 8
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ***

Division Two

BARNLEY (2) 2 (Barrowclough 14, Banks 44)
CARLISLE (1) 2 (Craig 18, Lee 51)
Att: 10,226
Barnley: Horn 6, Joyce 5, Chambers 5,
Glavin 6, *BANKS 7, McCarthy 6, Souter 6,
Campbell 5, Cunningham 6, Ronson 5,
Barrowclough 6 (sub: Parker 5)
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Parker 6, Haigh 6,
Ashurst 6, Rushbury 7, Houghton 7, Lee 7,
Coughlin 6 (sub: Barron 6), *POSKETT 8,
Craig 7, Shoulder 6
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ***

BOLTON (2) 4 (Chandler 4, Whitmore 34,
50, Foster 65)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Simonsen 20)
Att: 5,645
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Deakin 6,
Henry 6, Jones 6, Doyle 7, Chandler 6,
Whitmore 8, Foster 6, *REID 8, Thompson 7,
Charlton: Johns 6, Curtis 6, Arzlewood 6,
*MCALLISTER 8, Gray 5, Berry 7, Simonsen 7,
Harris 6, Hales 4, Smith 6, Robinson 7
Referee: G. Naphine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ***

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Stevenson 11, Taylor 50)
LEICESTER (1) 4 (Lineker 40, Lynex 54,
Smith, A 70, 74)
Att: 6,457
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 5, Holt 6,
Cassidy 6, Phelan 7, Flynn 6, Dobson 6,
*STEVEN 8, Hamilton 6, Taylor 7, McGee 6,
Leicester: *WALLINGTON 9, Ramsey 6,
Leet 6 (sub: Buchanan 7), MacDonald 6, May 6,
O'Neil 6, Lynex 6, Lineker 7, Smith, A 8,
Kelly 7, Wilson 7
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ****
Sendings Off: Ramsey (Leicester), Stevenson
(Burnley)

CRYSTAL PALACE (2) 2 (Hinshelwood 12,
Langley 35)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
Att: 8,498
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Gilbert 7, Murphy 7,
Nebbeling 7, Cannon 7, Hinshelwood 7, Giles
7, Hughton 7, Jones 7, Langley 7, *HILAIRE 8
Sheff Wed: *BOLDER 7, Sterland 6, Bailey 6,
Smith 6, Lyons 6, Shirliff, Paul 6, Megson 6,
Taylor 6, Barnister 6, McCulloch 5,
Williamson 5
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ***

FULHAM (1) 2 (Thomas 28, Carr 90)
DERBY (0) 1 (Buckley 66)
Att: 7,854
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 7, Lock 6,
O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, Dale 6, Carr 8, Wilson
6, Thomas 8, *HOUGHTON 9, Lewington 7
(sub: Carter 7)
Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 6, Buckley 7, Attley 7,
Foster 6, Blades 6, Broily 7, *GEMMILL 8,
Richards 6 (sub: Davison), Swindlehurst 6,
Dziel 6
Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth)
Match Rating: ***

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Otto 1, Wood 53,
Shearer 78)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Fellery 55)
Att: 8,836
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Ward 6, Bolton 7,
Baxter 7, Nattrass 7, Wood 7, Shearer 6,
Hankin 6 (sub: Cochrane 6), *OTTO 8,
Kennedy 7, Bell 7
Chelsea: Francis 6, Jones 6, Hutchings 7,
Bumstead 6, *DROY 8, Lee 6, Driver 7,
Rhoades Brown 6 (sub: Walker), Speed 6,
Falko 7, Filory 7
Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ***

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Wharton 6)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Eves 16)
Att: 19,485
Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 7, Wharton 8,
Martin 7, Clarke 7, Hedworth 6, Gayle 7,
McCreery 7, Waddle 8, *McDERMOTT 9,
McDonald 6
Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6,
Hobbit 7, *PENDER 8, Dodd 7, Cartwright 8,
Clarke 6, Gray 7, Eves 7, Matthews 7
Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheff. Eld)
Match Rating: ***

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OLDHAM (1) 3 (Palmer 31 McDonough 54, Wyde 57)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
 Att 7 127
 Oldham: Gorum 8, Hoolick n 7, Ryan 7, Bowden 7, Clements 8, Fletcher 8.
 McDonough 7. ***ATKINSON** 9, Heaton 6, Wyde 6, Palmer 7.
 Cambridge: Webster 6, Fisher 6, Murray 8, Turner 6, Fallon 6, Lockhart 5, Donaldson 5, ***SPRIGGS** 8, Reilly 7, Sinton 6 (sub Cartwright 5), Goldsmith 5.
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
 Match Rating: ★★★

QPR (3) 4 (Neil 7, Sealy 35, Gregory 43, Micklewhite 65)
GRIMSBY (0) 0
 Att 9,811
 QPR: Hucker 6, Neil 7, Dawes 6, ***ROEDER** 8, Hazell 8, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 7, Sealy 8, A. Len 6, Sainrod 6 (sub, Flanagan 6), Gregory 7.
 Grimsby: ***BATCHEL** 8, Moore 5, Moore 8, Waters 7, Cooper 6, Whitlock 5, Ford 6, Whymark 6, Drinkel 6, Bonnyman 5, Stone 8.
 Referee: T. D. Spencer (Selbury)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 1 (Gavin 46)
 Att 13,034
 Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 6, Henson 7, Gooding 7, Hughes 7, Green 6, Townner 7, Gow 6, Moore 5, ***SEASMAN** 8, McBrade 7.
 Leeds: Lukic 7, Dickinson 6, Gray 6, Sheridan 7, ***HART** 8, Burns 7, Hird 7, Gavin 7, Butterworth 6, Thomas 7, Graham 6.
 Referee: A. J. Hamill (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
BLACKBURN (0) 0
 Att 4,833
 Shrewsbury: Orgizovic 7, Williams 7, Leonard 6, Pells 6, ***PEARSON** 8, Griffin 6, Cross 6, Turner 6, Brown 7, McNelly 6, Bates 6.
 Blackburn: Gennoe 7, Branagan 7, Rathbone 6, Rendell 7, Mail 6, Fazackerley 7, Miller 6, Hamilton 7, Bell 6, Garner 6.
***BROTHERSTON** 8.
 Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

EXETER (1) 2 (Kellow 18, Delve 87)
READING (2) 2 (Dixon 3, 45)
 Att 2,272
 Exeter: ***BOND** 8, Rogers 8, M. 8, Viney 5, McEwan 6, Marker 5, Harle 7, Neville 5, Rogers 8, Kellow 6 (sub, Pratt 5), Delve 5, Pullar 5.
 Reading: Judge 6, Williams 6, Richardson 6, Beavon 6, Hicks 6, Wood 7, Bason 6, Sanchez 6, ***DIXON** 8, O'Sullivan 5, Donnellan 6 (sub, Doherty 5).
 Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooper 65)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
 Att 1,163
 Chester: Salmon 6, Dean 6, Lane 5, Storton 7, Bradley 6, Johnson 6, Williams 5 (sub, Zelman), Cooke 6, ***THOMAS** 8, Ludlam 7, Wilson 7.
 Bristol City: Shaw 6, Lowell 6, Johnson 5, Nicholls 6, Phillipson-Masters 5, Riley 6, Newman 7, Thompson 6, Pines 7 (sub, Garland 6), Cooper 6, ***CRAWFORD** 8.
 Referee: D. All son (Lancaster)
 Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (0) 3 (Flounders 69, 82, Hawley 77)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
 Att 4,323
 Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 7, Askew 6, Roberts 7, Skipper 6, Booth 6, ***MARWOOD** 8, McClaren 7, Flounders 6, Hawley 6, Roberts 6.
 Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Ward 6, Longhorn 6, Wignall 6, Hunter 7, Allinson 6, ***OSBORNE** 8, McDonough 6, Bremner 7, Leslie 6 (sub, Adcock).
 Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (1) 2 (Evans 11, Entwistle 75)
 Att 1,096
 Rochdale: Pearce 6, Keenan 6, Nicholson 6, McElhinney 5, Williams 6, ***THOMPSON**, D 7, Farrell 6, Snookes 6, Greaves 6, Hirditch 5, Welings 5 (sub, Thompson, S).
 Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Peters 7, Jones 6, Galliers 6, Smith 6, Hatter 6, Evans 7, ***KETTERIDGE** 8, Entwistle 7 (sub, Hodges), Downes 7, Gage 6.
 Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

FA Cup, Second Round

ALTRINCHAM (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Stanton 43)
 Att 5,800
 Altrincham: ***JOHNSON**, D. 9, Allan 7, Davison 8, Bailey 8, Cuddy 7, Gardner 7, Bennett 6 (sub, Constantine 8), Heathcote 7, Johnson 8, Rogers 6, Howard 7.
 Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 8, Burke 7, Stanton 8, Sutton 7, Valentine 7, Lill 5, ***DOYLE** 8, Russell 8, Wilson 7, Cowling 8.
 Referee: P. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BOSTON (1) 1 (Lumby 9)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Edwards 48)
 Att 5,729
 Boston: Blackwell 7, Lyon 7, ***MANN** 8, Tiles 8, Jones 8, Allen 7, Casey 7, Cook 6, Lumby 6, Mollender 7, Gilbert 8.
 Sheffield Utd: Waugh 6, Henderson 7, Kenworthy 7, McHale 8, MacPhail 7, Houston 7, ***MORRIS** 9, Trussan 8, Edwards 7, Young 6, Charles 7.
 Referee: I. J. Borrell (Eve)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Williams, D 45, 47)
PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Rogers 33, Sims 59)
 Att 9,018
 Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Slater 7, Williams 8, Williams 6, G. 7, Perkins 6, McCaffery 6, Holloway 6, ***WILLIAMS**, D. 8, Stephens 5 (sub, Withey 6), Rendell 6, Barrett 6.
 Plymouth: Crudington 7, ***NISBET** 8, Uzzell 7, Harrison 7, Smith 6, Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 6, Sims 7, McCaffery 6, Rogers 7.
 Referee: L. Burden (Poole)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CARDIFF (2) 2 (Gibbins 28, Hemmerman 37)
WEYMOUTH (0) 3 (Jennions 54, Finnegan 79, Pearson 86)
 Att 4,446
 Cardiff: Dibble 8, Jones 6, ***BODIN** 8, Tong 6 (sub, Giles 5), Dwyer 6, Mullen 6, Bennett, D 6, Bennett 6, Gibbins 6, Hemmerman 6, Lewis 5.
 Weymouth: Baker 7, Morris 1, Peter 7, Morrell 6, Paul 6, Elliott 7, Arnold 7, ***FINNEGAN** 8, Baber 6, Pearson 7, Jennions 7, Borhwick 6, Benjafield 6.
 Referee: B. H. H. (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Johnson 74)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Saxby 43)
 Att 4,054
 Gillingham: Sutton 7, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Bruce 7 (sub, Price 7), ***SITTON** 8, Tydeman 8, Powell 6, Johnson 6, Cascar 6, White 7, Weatherly 6.
 Northampton: Freeman 7, Brady 7, Phillips 6, ***GAGE** 8, Burrows 7, Coffill 6, Saxby 7, Buchanan 6, Muir 7, Massey 7, Denyer 6.
 Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
 Match Rating: ★★★

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Dobson 62)
YORK (0) 1 (Pollard 69)
 Att 3,344
 Hartlepool: Watson 7, Smith 8, Stimpson 7, Hogan 6, Baker 8, ***LINIGHAN** 9, Staff 8, Dobson 8, Linacre 7, Brown 7, Lawrence 6, York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Hay 7, Sbragia 6, Smith 7, Hood 8, Ford 8, Crosby 8, Welwyn 7, ***BYRNE** 9, Pollard 7.
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Dungworth, pen 21)
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Gray 12)
 Att 2,962
 Mansfield: Arnold 6, Bird 5, Kennedy 5, Be 1, 6, Ayre 7, Cadderwood 5, ***MATTHEWS** 8, Hutchison 5, Dungworth 6, Caldwell 6, Nicholson 5.
 Bradford: McManus 6, Podd 6, Chapman 6, Lester 6, ***COOKE** 8, Jackson 7, Ellis 6, Gray 6, Campbell 5, McIvnen 5, Mellor 5.
 Referee: N. Mudge (Salford)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Campbell (Bradford)

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Tynan, pen 84)
ORIENT (0) 0
 Att 4,013
 Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 6, Relish 7, ***BAILEY** 8, Boyle 6, Stroud 6, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 6, Tynan 7, Vaughan 7, Elsey 7 (sub, Moore).
 Orient: Day 6, Roffey 6, Peach 7, Foster 7, Cunningham 6, Cornwell 6, Osgood 6, Godfrey 7, ***HOUGHEN** 8, Sussex 6, Blackhall 6.
 Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
 Match Rating: ★★

NORTH SHIELDS (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 3 (Round 59, Buckley 61, Caswell 71)
 Att 3,200
 North Shields: ***HARRISON** 9, Waterson 8, Dickson 5, Varty 5, Harrison 7, Young 7, Smith 6, Dorg 6, Ross 5, Donaldson 5, McCaffery 5 (sub, Armstrong 8).
 Walsall: Kearns 6, Caswell 8, Mower 7, Beech 6, Sinnott 8, Hart 6, Penn 6, ***PREECE** 8, Round 6, Buckley 7, Shakespeare 7.
 Referee: M. D. Peck (Kendall)
 Match Rating: ★★

OXFORD (0) 4 (Hebbard 60, Foley 59, Vinter 85, 87)
WORTHING (0) 0
 Att 5,430
 Oxford: Butcher 6, Linney 7, Fogg 6, Train 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Lawrence 6, Foley 7, Vinter 7, ***HEBBARD** 8, Smithers 6.
 Worthing: Dovey 7, Flood 6, Cox 5, Aitken 6, Raynsford 6, ***ELLIOTT** 8, Gill 5 (sub, Bernardi, Dove 6, Cornwell 6, Edmonds 5, Foreman 5).
 Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
 Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (2) 5 (Cooke 29, 72, Clarke 44, Quow 69, Gynn 88)
DOUGCASTER (1) 2 (Snodin 13, Mell 87)
 Att 4,012
 Peterborough: Seaman 6, Winters 6, Collins 6, Gynn 7, Firm 6, Slack 6, Clarke 6, Rodaway 7, Cooke 6, Benjamin 7, ***QUOW** 9.
 Doncaster: Peacock 6, Russell 6, Snodin 6, 7, ***SNODIN**, I. 8, Wigginton 7, Cawthorne 6, Doug 5 (sub, Mell 6), Owen 5, Austin 6, Lester 5, Robertson 6.
 Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
 Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Webb 4)
ALDRSHOT (2) 3 (Briley 5, Barton 44, 86)
 Att 13,250
 Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 5 (sub, Thomas 6), Doyle 5, ***HOWE** 7, Ell 5, Webb 5, Teal 6, Rafferty 6, Blev 5, Rogers 5.
 Aldershot: Johnson 7, Scott 6, Gillard 6, Brile Briley 7 (sub, Goddard 6), Wooler 7, ***JOPLING** 9, Shrubbs 6, Barton 7, Sanford 6, McDonald 6, Brodie 6.
 Referee: M. Bodenham (Brighton)
 Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (0) 2 (Coleman 52, O'Riordan 70)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Brockbank 89)
 Att 14,008
 Preston: Litchie 6, Westwell 7, McAteer 7, O'Riordan 7, Coleman 6, Gowing 6, Walsh 6, Sayer 6, Elliott 5, Naughton 6, ***HOUSTON** 8.
 Blackpool: ***HESFORD** 8, Bardsley 6, Butler 6, Noble 7, Hertzke 7, Serella 7, Hockaday 5 (sub, Brockbank 6), Jeffrey 6, Bamber 6, Pashley 5, Downes 6.
 Referee: J. B. Worrell (Warrington)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Cowling 44, O'Beir 54)
NORTHWICH (1) 1 (Chesters 45)
 Att 5,457
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 8, Ponton 7, Fowler 6, Baines 6, Hunter 6, O'Beir 7, ***CAMMACK** 8, Cowling 7, Angus 6, Leman 7.
 Northwich: Ryan 7, ***FRETWELL** 8, Murphy 8, Jones 6, K. 7, Oakes 7, Bennett 6, Morley 6 (sub, Jones, P. 6), Abel 6, Ward 7, Chesters 7, Wilson 6.
 Referee: J. Hanning (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

SLOUGH (0) 1 (Evans 74)
BISHOPS STORTFORD (0) 4 (Lynch 57, 79, 90, Simmonds 85)
 Att 3,000
 Slough: Mitchell 7, Yerby 6, Maloney 6, Hutchinson 7, Araguez 6, ***EVANS** 8, Powe 1 (sub, Petty 5), White 6, Atirell 7, Russell 7, Dodds 6.

Bishops Stortford: Welsh 7, Wickenden 7, Smith 7, Elley 7, Brown 7, Hu 16, Avery 6.
***LYNCH** 9, Worrell 7, Simmonds 7, Sullivan 8.
 Referee: A. R. Robinson (Waterlooville)
 Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (1) 3 (Phillips 21, Pountney 79, 83)
YEovil (0) 0
 Att 4,544
 Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 7, Hadley 8, Yates 8, Otulakowski 8, Cusack 8.
***POUNTNEY** 9, Phillips 8, Mercer 7, Pennyfather 7, Nelson 8.
 Yeovil: ***LANGLEY** 8, Giles 6, Gold 7, Payne 7, Andrews 6, Beck 6, Patti 6, James 6, Bell 7, Ritchie 6, Brown 7.
 Referee: T. G. Buns (Yatton)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (2) 2 (Lewis 38, Barnard 42)
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Bowen 74, Roberts 90)
 Att 7,176
 Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 6 (sub, Quinn 6), Baddeley 7, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7.
***GRAHAM** 8, Pritchard 6, Batty 5, R. debut 7, Rowland 6, Barnard 7.
 Brentford: Roche 6, Rowe 6 (sub, Bowen 6), Wilkins 7, Booker 7, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 7, Kamara 8, ***JOSEPH** 8, Mahoney 7, Bowles 7, Roberts 7.
 Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating: ★★

TELFORD (0) 1 (Mather, pen 80)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Brown, pen 44)
 Att 4,010
 Telford: Charlton 6, Lewis 5, Eaton 7, Mayman 6, ***WALKER** 9, Mart 6 (sub, Gardner 7), Joseph 7, Neale 7, Mather 8, Hogan 8, Alcock 7.
 Tranmere: ***KENDERSBY** 9, Munges 16, Burgess 7, Mooney 8, Hamiton 5 (sub, Powell 5), Williams 7, Ferguson 6, Aspinall 7, Kerr 6, Brown 7, Griffiths 8.
 Referee: F. Roberts (Prestlyn)
 Match Rating: ★★

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They are: Lynton Sharrock, of Liverpool, Andrew King of Stoke Mandeville, Bucks, Andrew Bunn of Uxbridge, Middlesex, Kier Cartledge of Belper, Derbyshire, Graham Hill of Hal Green, Birmingham and Nigel Wiley of Hull.

Ten runners-up each receive a wall clock. They are: Michael Bower of Sale, Cheshire, Simon Ashmore of East Bergholt, Colchester, Darren Baldwin of Dullingham, Suffolk, Imran Busha of Watford, Matthew Cuel of South Ruislip, Middlesex, Robert Jacob of Enfield, Paul Harwood of Shrewsbury, Duane Edwards of Walspool, C. Glandim of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne and Andrew Ferguson of Burton, Staffs.

A SET of three programmes featuring the last three England v Scotland internationals go to each of the following five winners in our November 27 'Programme Parade' competition.

They are: Jason Coulson of Nuneaton, Warwick, R. Crawford of Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Kendall Trigg of Stoke on Trent, Mike Billington of Stratford, Manchester, and David Andrews of Waltham Cross, Herts.

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TORQUAY (1) 4 (Anderson 1 Bishop 51 74 Wilson 62)
CARSHALTON (0) 1 (Lewington 68)
 Att 3 409
 Torquay Horn 7 Doyle 6 Wilson 7
 *RITCHIE 8 Little 5 Bould 7 Brown 6
 O'Donnell 6 Bishop 7 Anderson 7 Gallagher 8
 Carshalton Collier 6 Maurice 6 Akers 6
 Raffington 6 Coghill 6 Fraser 6 (sub Bangs)
 Parsons 8 Lewington 6 Tuite 6 Friend 7
 *DARK 8
 Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

WORCESTER (0) 2 (Moss P 70 77)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Hunt 52)
 Att 5 500
 Worcester Parkes 7 Hunt 7 McGrath 7
 Phelps 8 Tudor 7 Hughes 8 Williams 7
 Williams 8 Tuffy 6 Crompton 7
 *MOSS P 9
 Wrexham Niedzwiecki 8 *HUNT 9 Bate 7
 Savage 7 Downman 7 Muldoon 6 Arkwright 8
 Gregory 7 Keay 6 King 6 Buxton 7
 Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (McGhee 18)
CELTIC (1) 2 (MacLeod 16 Provan 59)
 Att 25 000
 Aberdeen Leighton 7 Kennedy 7 Rougrie 7
 (sub Hewitt) Cooper 6 *McLEISH 8 Miller 7
 Strachan 7 Simpson 6 McGhee 7 Bell 6
 (sub Black 6) Weir 6
 Celtic Bonner 8 McGrain 6 Sinclair 6
 *AITKEN 9 McAdam 8 MacLeod 7 Provan 7
 McStay 7 McGarvey 6 Burns 7 Nicholas 7
 Referee: K. Hope (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 7 (Reilly 19 68
 Bannan 47 Narey 72 Milne 78 Dodds 87
 89)
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
 Att 7 299

Dundee Utd McAlpine 7 Gough 7 Males 7
 Stark 7 Hegarty 7 Narey 7 Bannan 7
 Milne 7 *REILLY 8 (sub Holt) Kirkwood 7
 (sub Dodds 7) Starrock 7
Kilmarnock McCulloch 6 Robertson 6
 Cockburn 6 McLean 8 (sub Bryson 6)
 *McDICKEN 7 Clarke 6 McGovern 5 Clark 5
 Bourke 6 McLeod 5 Gallacher 5
 Referee: J. Renton (Cowdenbeath)
 Match Rating: ★★

ST MIRREN (1) 3 (Scanlon 38 80
 Abercromby 84)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
 Att 3 500
 St Mirren Thomson 7 Wilson 7 Clarke 7
 Richardson 6 Fulton 7 Copland 7
 Abercromby 6 Stark 6 McAvennie 7 Somner 6
 *SCANLON 8
 Motherwell Sproat 7 MacLeod 6 Forsyth 6
 Mauchlen 6 Forbes 7 *EDVALDSSON 8
 Rafferty 6 (sub McClair) Flavell 6 McLelland 6
 O'Hara 7 Gahagan 6
 Referee: E. Pringle (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Rae 49)
DUNDEE (1) 1 (Mackie 29)
 Att 5 110
 Hibs *ROUGH 8 Sneddon 7 Duncan 6
 Turnbull 6 Jamieson 7 McNamara 7
 Callaghan 6 Conroy 6 Robertson 6 Rae 7
 Murray 6
 Dundee Kelly 7 Glennie 6 Scrimgeour 6
 (sub McKimmie 7) Fraser 7 Smith 7
 *MacDONALD 8 Murphy 6 Bell 7 Sinclair 6
 Stephen 7 Mackie 7
 Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
 Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 1 (Prytz pen 41)
MORTON (1) 1 (Rooney 33)
 Att 9 500
 Rangers Stewart 7 MacKinnon 7 Redford 6
 McClelland 7 Paterson 7 Bell 6 Cooper 6
 (sub Dalziel 7) Prytz 7 MacDonald 6
 *RUSSELL 8 (sub Black) Smith 6
 Morton Baines 7 Houston 6 *HOLMES 8
 Rooney 7 McLaughlin 7 Duffy 7 McNab 6
 Cochran 7 McNeill 7 (sub Ritchie 6)
 Docherty 6 Higgins 6
 Referee: D. Downie (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

First Division

AIRDRIE (1) 3 (McDonagh 26 Millar 49
 Jarvie 65)
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Forrest 85)
 Att 1 000

AYR (1) 1 (A'hearn 8)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
 Att 1 105

CLYDE (0) 2 (Reilly 62 63)
HEARTS (1) 3 (MacDonald 12 Pettigrew 46
 47)
 Att 2 300

HAMILTON (1) 1 (Gorman 19)
ALLOA (1) 1 (Smith 23)
 Att 703

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 2 (Quinn 73 Grant 75)
CLYDEBANK (0) 2 (Williamson 70 Coyne 77)
 Att 756

RAITH (1) 2 (Russell 4 62)
PARTICK THISTLE (2) 2 (Johnston 64
 Jardine 70)
 Att 1 100

ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (Brogan 40)
DUMBARTON (0) 0
 Att 2 042

Second Division

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Robertson 73)
EAST FIFE (0) 2 (Thompson 72 79)
 Att 760

Scottish Cup, First Round

BRECHIN (0) 2 (Campbell 66 84)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0
 Att 800

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Boyd 5)
ELGIN (2) 2 (Kellas pen 38 Bremner 75)
 Att 650

PETERHEAD v FORFAR — Match Postponed

SELKIRK (0) 0
BROOK RANGERS (1) 2 (Hamilton 10
 McAskill 64)
 Att 1 300

STIRLING ALBION v EAST STIRLING — Match Postponed

VALE OF LEITHAN v STRATHGIRK — Match Postponed

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Stein (Luton)	14	1	15
Rush (Liverpool)	12	2	14
Latchford (Swansea)	10	4	14
Blissett (Watford)	11	1	12
Wallace (Nott'm Forest)	8	4	12
Deehan (Norwich)	10	1	11
Wark (Ipswich)	9	1	10
Birdie (Nott'm Forest)	6	4	10
Crooks (Spurs)	7	3	10

Division Two

Davies (Fulham)	14	1	15
Drinkell (Grimsby)	9	5	14
Glavin (Barnsley)	9	4	13
Lineker (Leicester)	13	0	13
Bannister (Sheff Wed)	12	1	13
Davison (Derby)	9	3	12
(12 with Halifax)			
Keegan (Newcastle)	11	0	11
Garnier (Blackburn)	10	0	10
Poole (Cardiff)	10	0	10
Mabbutt (Crystal Palace)	8	2	10
Eves (Wolves)	9	1	10

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Leeds v Preston
Oldham v Fulham
Norwich v Swansea
Brighton v Newcastle
Huddersfield v Chelsea
Newport v Everton
Southend v Sheffield Wednesday
Manchester United v West Ham
Arsenal v Bolton
Scunthorpe v Grimsby
Boston or Sheffield United v Stoke
Cambridge v Weymouth
Walsall v Birmingham
West Brom v QPR
Mansfield or Bradford v Barnsley
Blackburn v Liverpool
Charlton v Ipswich
Sunderland v Manchester City
Derby v Nottingham Forest
Carlisle v Burnley
Coventry v Worcester
Oxford v Torquay
Middlesbrough v Bishops Cleeve
Stortford
Luton v Peterborough

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	18	7	2	0	7	6	4
Man Utd	18	7	2	0	9	4	8
Mot'n Forest	18	7	1	1	18	6	3
Aston Villa	18	8	7	2	2	6	14
Watford	18	6	2	1	22	5	3
West Brom	18	7	1	1	21	7	2
West Ham	18	6	1	2	20	5	3
Coventry	19	7	1	1	16	7	2
Ipswich	19	4	1	4	5	1	3
Man City	18	6	2	3	7	2	6
Stoke	18	5	2	2	21	15	2
Tottenham	18	5	2	2	24	0	7
Crystal Palace	18	5	2	2	13	13	2
Everton	18	4	4	4	6	11	2
Arsenal	18	3	3	3	12	12	3
Southampton	18	5	1	1	11	9	1
Swansea	18	6	0	3	7	0	3
Brighton	18	6	2	1	14	7	2
Luton	18	3	4	2	20	5	3
Murdoch	18	4	2	3	5	1	4
Birmingham	18	3	3	3	9	7	0
Sunderland	18	3	4	3	2	11	1

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Q.P.R.	19	7	1	1	8	5	2
Fulham	18	6	2	1	10	5	1
Wolves	18	7	0	1	12	9	3
Sheffield Wed	18	5	3	1	17	9	4
Oldham	18	4	4	1	18	1	3
Leeds	18	4	3	2	12	8	3
Shrewsbury	18	4	3	2	9	1	4
Grimsby	18	5	2	1	16	9	3
Leicester	18	3	1	5	13	9	5
Barnsley	19	7	5	1	16	12	3
C. Palace	18	5	3	2	6	8	1
Newcastle	18	4	3	2	12	9	2
Blackburn	18	4	3	2	12	11	2
Carlisle	18	5	1	3	22	5	1
Rotherham	18	3	3	3	9	1	2
Chelsea	18	4	4	1	14	7	1
Charlton	18	4	1	4	14	4	2
Middlesbrough	18	4	1	4	13	10	1
Bolton	18	4	1	4	16	10	1
Burnley	18	3	2	4	14	4	1
Derby	18	2	4	3	9	3	0
Cambridge	19	3	4	2	13	0	9

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln	17	9	0	0	26	5	4
Bristol Rovers	18	8	1	1	28	6	2
Newport	18	7	2	0	19	7	3
Cardiff	18	7	1	1	15	6	3
Huddersfield	18	7	3	0	26	6	2
Portsmouth	18	7	0	2	20	8	2
Brentford	18	7	1	1	25	10	1
Southend	18	6	1	1	19	8	3
Bradford	18	6	3	0	22	12	2
Plymouth	18	7	0	2	13	8	1
Oxford	17	3	5	0	15	8	4
Gillingham	18	5	1	3	13	8	3
Wigan	18	6	0	3	20	11	2
Exeter	19	5	3	2	22	17	1
Bournemouth	19	3	3	3	10	7	3
Wrexham	18	5	2	2	10	7	1
Sheff Utd	18	4	2	3	12	9	1
Reading	19	5	2	2	19	12	0
Chesterfield	18	2	2	5	10	11	2
Preston	18	2	5	2	12	10	2
Millwall	18	3	5	1	14	12	0
Oswestry	18	3	2	4	14	21	1
Walsall	18	3	2	4	9	13	0
Doncaster	18	2	6	1	25	21	0

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	19	7	1	1	18	6	5
Scunthorpe	18	5	2	2	14	6	3
Swindon	18	7	0	1	17	5	4
Hull	19	7	3	0	25	5	3
Wimbledon	18	5	2	1	21	10	5
Port Vale	18	5	2	2	11	5	4
Colchester	19	6	3	0	17	4	3
Torquay	18	2	2	2	22	9	2
Chester	19	4	2	4	2	9	1
Blackpool	18	5	5	0	16	6	1
Mansfield	18	3	2	4	7	13	4
York	18	5	2	1	23	11	0
Aldershot	18	5	1	3	12	11	1
Stockport	19	4	4	2	15	13	1
Northampton	18	4	5	2	18	13	1
Darlington	18	3	2	4	8	9	2
Peterborough	18	4	2	3	10	10	0
Hartlepool	18	5	2	2	13	9	0
Hatfield	17	1	4	3	7	12	3
Rochdale	19	4	4	2	14	10	0
Tranmere	18	4	2	3	13	11	1
Hereford	18	4	2	3	6	6	0
Crewe	18	2	2	5	12	15	2
Bristol City	19	2	4	3	10	12	0

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	14	6	0	1	18	7	6
Dundee Utd	14	7	1	0	28	4	2
Aberdeen	15	5	0	2	18	7	4
Rangers	14	3	3	1	14	5	1
Dundee	14	4	1	1	15	8	3
St Mirren	15	3	3	2	14	10	0
Morton	15	1	4	2	6	6	1
Hibernian	15	1	3	2	8	9	0
Motherwell	15	4	1	3	12	15	0
Kilmarnock	15	1	5	1	7	7	0

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St John's	18	8	1	0	21	4	5
Hearts	18	6	2	1	21	9	4
Airdrie	18	4	2	3	18	15	5
Partick	18	4	3	2	13	10	4
Clydebank	18	3	3	3	12	13	5
Alloa	18	6	1	2	20	10	3
Raith Rovers	18	5	1	3	15	12	3
Dumfries	18	3	4	2	16	14	4
Hamilton	18	3	3	3	13	13	2
Ayr Utd	18	3	3	3	10	14	2
Clyde	18	2	0	7	12	22	3
Queens Park	18	1	4	4	11	15	1
Dunfermline	8	2	3	4	7	15	0
Falkirk	18	2	1	6	6	13	2

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Meadowbank	17	7	0	1	8	0	5
Brechin	7	4	1	7	8	4	2
Queen of Sth	18	4	1	4	16	14	5
Arbroath	17	6	1	1	14	6	3
Berwick	17	4	3	2	15	1	3
Strking Alb	17	6	2	1	15	7	1
East Fife	18	2	5	1	1	0	4
Forfar	17	4	4	1	9	8	2
Cowdenbeath	7	4	2	2	2	0	1
Stranraer	17	3	2	4	2	4	3
Montrose	17	2	5	0	6	3	4
Alton R	17	5	1	3	4	9	3
Stenhousemuir	17	1	3	4	1	18	3
East Stirling	17	1	2	5	7	6	1

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RANGERS ON THE RACK

AT the beginning of the season, John Greig's new-look Rangers were being described as one of the best Ibrox teams for years.

The manager had made the bold decision to axe such popular and established names as former skipper Sandy Jardine, Colin Jackson and Alex Forsyth as he embarked on a massive rebuilding programme.

The exciting gamble looked as though it had worked as the Glasgow giants made a storming start to their Premier Division campaign and reached the Final of the Scottish League Cup.

But recently it's all gone sour and the knives are out following their poor League showing and League Cup Final defeat by arch rivals Celtic at Hampden Park. Rangers are definitely the poor relations in Glasgow at the moment and the fans don't like it one little bit.

The changes look to have been too severe. Perhaps Rangers should have replaced their star names one by one instead of chopping them all at the same time.

John Greig has spent a lot of money — in fact he's one of the few managers around today with cash to spare — but the current side don't have the same feeling of tradition as past sides.

Players like Colin Jackson were prepared to die for the club and that sort of spirit is built up over the years. The new players don't seem to have that conviction.

Rangers used to be renowned for their fighting qualities. It was as if they went on to the park convinced that they couldn't be beaten.

But they looked a poor second to Celtic in the League Cup Final. Their rivals from across the city were never in any trouble.

Rangers put on a lot of pressure — especially in the second half — but they didn't create any clear cut chances. Celtic did. In the last 20 minutes Charlie Nicholas and Frank McGarvey both could have scored. That was the difference between the two teams.

It's not all gloom for 'The Gers' however. They've got the same side that everyone was raving about at the start of the campaign and I'm sure it's only a matter of time before the results start going their way again.

While Celtic were on duty at Hampden Park we picked up two priceless points at Motherwell to close the gap on the Premier Division leaders.

Motherwell aren't the most

GREIG'S GAMBLE COMES UNSTUCK

skilful side in the world but they certainly made it difficult for us. Any team managed by Jock Wallace is going to be tough to beat.

Since being promoted from the First Division the Fir Park club have struggled to establish themselves in the top flight, but I don't believe they'll be relegated. There are worse teams than them in the division.

We'll be hoping to keep up the pressure on the current champions on Saturday by beating Dundee — the club where I started my League career.

Dens Park has been a happy hunting ground for Aberdeen over the past couple of years and we beat them 5-1 in the League Cup earlier this season.

That match was one of the

highlights of my year because I scored the first hat-trick of my career as I grabbed four goals against them.

The match doesn't mean anything special to me nowadays. After all, the only players still on the books from the time I was there are striker Eric Sinclair and George McGeachie.

George is the man that usually marks me so I'm hoping I can give my old team-mate the run-around.

The following Saturday we're at home to Kilmarnock and that's a game we really should win. Along with Hibernian and Morton I believe they'll struggle to stay up.

Unlike our English counterparts Scottish players aren't on duty over Christmas so I'm looking forward to a quiet festive season with the wife and family.

Aberdeen players will be training on Christmas Day but I don't mind that — at least it gets me out of the washing up!

On the international front, Jock Stein's Scotland selections for the Under-21 and senior games against Belgium last week meant fabulous news for my club Aberdeen. We had no less than nine representatives.

Youngsters Eric Black, Neale Cooper and Brian Gunn were all included in the Under-21 group and that must bode well for the future of Aberdeen. In fact goalkeeper Brian has only played once for the first team!

On a personal note I was delighted to be nominated as the Scottish Sports Photographers Association Sports 'Personality of the Year' following in the footsteps of such great names as golfer Sandy Lyle, rugby star Andy Irvine and boxer Jim Watt.

Looking at the previous winners made me feel really humble!

I was presented with the award at a special lunch in Glasgow and it capped what has been a truly memorable year for me. I only hope 1983 is as enjoyable. Merry Christmas — I'll see you in two weeks time!



Scottish Sports Photographers Association Sports Personality of the Year Gordon Strachan — pictured here with his coveted trophy — writes for you every fortnight

Gordon Strachan

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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Northampton), Graham Wilkins, Paul Walker,



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STAR GALLERY

Ian MacInnes, of Penilee, Glasgow, has drawn Tottenham and Eire full-back Chris Hughton (right). "He is one of the best in the country," says 14-year-old Ian.

Paul Dove, of Newton Abbot, South Devon, believes that former Brazilian star Pele deserves a place in Star Gallery because "he was the best player in the world."



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"I drew Ipswich Town's Paul Mariner because he is the most complete striker in the First Division," says Miss J. Gudge, of Basildon, Essex.

"Simply the best player in the world" is how 17-year-old Lisa Donovan, of Hall Green, Birmingham describes Argentinian ace Diego Maradona (left).

TERRACE TALK

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HERE'S my black 'World XI'. It would be impossible to find a team to beat it: N'kono (Cameroon), Anderson (England), Tresor (France, captain), N'djeya (Cameroon), Mansouri (Algeria), Cubillas (Peru), Hilaire (England), Regis (England), Serginho (Brazil), Milla (Cameroon), Isidora (Brazil). P. Myers, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

AS I watched several scenes of violence on the terraces during the recent Tottenham v West Ham match, I was amazed when I noticed that beer and spirits were being sold inside the ground.

I realise that clubs need all the income they can get but surely anything that may induce rowdy behaviour should be stamped out. Hooligans are a curse on football. Selling them spirits only causes more trouble.

William Carmichael, Tunbridge Wells, Kent

MANAGER John Duncan deserves a medal for the minor miracle he has worked at Scunthorpe.

After last season's nightmare when the club had to apply for re-election, Scunthorpe are now riding high in the Fourth Division. And John Duncan must take much of the credit.

It would be a fairy-tale if Scunthorpe could continue their excellent form right through to the end of the season and win

promotion. But that's just what John Duncan deserves. Patrick Gibbons, Kennington, London.

THE criticism heaped upon Arsenal last season — saying that their boring tactics would kill the game — finally forced boss Terry Neil to crack under the pressure and he bought forwards Lee Chapman and Tony Woodcock.

This season, Arsenal have tried to play exciting, attacking football and find themselves half-way down the table.

I suggest that Terry Neill takes no notice of Bob Paisley and the other Arsenal-knockers and reverts to their old style. It's more successful.

David Alderson, Stafford, W. Midlands.

● **IN emptying Highbury?**

ENGLAND boss Bobby Robson is wrecking the team. He has discarded three of the country's finest players in Kevin Keegan, Mick Mills and Ray Clemence.

The only thing he has done right is giving a full cap to little Sammy Lee. I could do better than Robson. Robert Ross (11), Connah's Quay, North Wales.

AFTER the stoppage of the Manchester City v Birmingham match due to officials and players being unable to capture

a black labrador that invaded the pitch, I think clubs should have a large net in readiness for such emergencies.

This could be easily thrown over the offending animal and so have it quickly captured.

Keith Deylin, Glasgow, Scotland

● **THAT** particular match was so dull that the runaway dog got a standing ovation!

THE League's 'get-tough' policy on football offenders is ruining the game. Too many players have been sent off for trivial offences.

In three recent League matches involving Barnsley, I saw three sendings-off.

At Middlesbrough, Billy Ronson was dismissed for allegedly striking an opponent. I'm sure he didn't.

A week later, Gary Locke of Chelsea was surprisingly sent off for a combination of two bookable offences — time-wasting and dissent.

And at Grimsby, Barnsley's Ian Banks was sent off for two bookable offences. Both sets of fans seemed stunned by the decision.

Referees should be much more lenient. The record number of sendings-off show football in a bad light.

Catrina Gilfillan (15), Barnsley, S. Yorks



Mick Mills — polished.

ON BEHALF of Ipswich supporters world-wide, I would like to thank Mick Mills for his tremendous contribution to the club's fortunes in recent years.

Although the Portman Road trophy cabinet was not as full as it might have been, Ipswich have played with a great level of consistency over the last ten years, with Mick Mills leading the way.

I was very impressed with Mick's performances in the World Cup Finals and, as captain of England, he played with his usual professional standards.

Now that Mick has left for Southampton, I hope that Irvin Gernon and Kevin Steggles — the players most likely to replace him — will have learned from their former skipper's polished performances and I wish Mick the best of luck with 'The Saints'. Michael Beder, Cape Town, South Africa.

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SICKENING SOCCER!

I AM sickened by the hypocrisy and contradiction that occurs in soccer.

The FA threatens to get tough with clubs with hooligan fans and then 'raprieves' Leeds by merely closing United's terraces for two games.

Alan Brazil of Ipswich signs a five-year contract and then promptly slaps in a transfer request.

Frank Worthington, who said at the start of the season that he was happy to stay at Leeds, asks for a move because he can't fit in to Leeds' style of play, even though it is proving successful.

Roy McFarland breaks his contract with Bradford to move to Derby and finally Charlton sack manager Ken Craggs just 48 hours after assuring him that his position as Charlton manager was not in jeopardy.

Is it any wonder that some fans are disillusioned with football when the people involved behave in such a two-faced way.

Andrew Ferguson (17), Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs.

Right: Frank Worthington — change of heart



I LIVE in Athens and I made the journey to Salonika to watch Greece play England in last month's European Championship clash.

I can say that England are the finest football side I've seen in my life. They played superb soccer and fully deserved their 3-0 win.

The one distressing point, however, was the hostility of the Greek fans. They were whipped up into a fanatical frenzy by Greece's hysterical national press and behaved badly.

Now I plan to be in Paris in 1984 — to see England win the European Championship — and I'll be in the Olympic Stadium in Athens next year to see either Aston Villa or Liverpool win the European Cup. Pavlos Vasilion, Glyfada, Athens, Greece.

GOLDEN GOOF

"COVENTRY'S Ian Butterworth needs oiling!" says Paul Capps, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, who spotted this Golden Goof. Still, most players have to be on their 'metal' when Liverpool's Ian Rush is about . . .

* Almost immediately *
* Liverpool made them pay *
* Rust caught Ian Butter- *
* worth in possession on the *
* edge of the penalty area *
* and when the ball ran *
* loose, Dalglish hit a de- *
* vastating shot under the *
* crossbar. *

IT'S time Chelsea's mighty defender Micky Droy was given an England cap. Micky's performances at Stamford Bridge this season have been outstanding.

England boss Bobby Robson should make every effort to watch Chelsea's giant centre half. 'Muscles' Mick is the ideal man to stop foreign forwards. Martin Hobbs, Wimbledon, London.

BRILLIANT, superb, great, fantastic . . . I can go on finding words to describe the Daily Express Five-A-Side Tournament at Wembley recently.

What a change to see fast, exciting football from the best clubs in the country — all in one evening.

No wonder the Football League is looking into the idea of expanding indoor football. Sally Taylor, Chadwell St Mary, Essex.

I WAS very annoyed to hear Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw criticise Glenn Hoddle. Burkinshaw said of Glenn: "He needs to get off his backside, get in the game and score more goals."

I think it is very wrong that managers should talk about their players in such a way to the Press, and apparently, so does



Glenn Hoddle — "slagged-off".

Glenn.

Maybe Glenn hasn't been at his best, but that has been due to his unlucky run of injuries. He needs support as he tries to recapture his old brilliance. Being 'slagged-off' in public won't help. Emma Spickett (14), Reading, Berks.

THE long-running dispute between Justin Fashanu and his Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough can only harm Justin's career.

It's obvious that the black striker is not wanted at Forest and he should make every attempt to secure a first team place elsewhere. Victor Butchers, Stone, Kent.

THE talk in football at the moment is of a breakaway Super League, but there is no need for it.

The clubs should get together and form a realistic League with a streamlined First Division of 18 teams — including the top four Scottish clubs — followed by a Second Division of 20 teams, a 20-club Scottish League, all being fed by semi-pro regional leagues.

Add to this new structure a maximum wage, a limit on transfer fees and unbreakable annual contracts for managers, and the crowds might yet return to soccer. Reg Moore, Brighton, Sussex.

SO Craig Johnston has asked for a transfer from Liverpool. He said in 'Match' that he may have to leave Anfield to get guaranteed first team football.

Surely Craig realises that he has yet to prove himself at Liverpool. When a club has the likes of star midfielders Graeme Souness, Mark Lawrenson, Ronnie Whelan and Sammy Lee, then no-one can be assured of a first team midfield place.

If Craig wants to play regularly for Liverpool, then he must knuckle down and battle for a place. If he's not prepared to do that, then he's not a Liverpool player and should leave. Jason Martin (13), Newhaven, East Sussex.

THEY'RE TALKING NONSENSE!

Spurs and England midfielder Glenn Hoddle hits out at newspaper reports surrounding his future at White Hart Lane.

THE newspapers have been full of speculation that I'll be leaving Tottenham when my contract expires at the end of the season and moving abroad.

That's absolute nonsense as far as I'm concerned. At the moment, I haven't made any decision about my future. It wouldn't be fair to myself or the club.

The first I heard of any interest from abroad was after our game with West Brom. Manager Keith Burkinshaw told me that AC Milan had asked about me.

The Italians have come out and said they are interested, but they're probably looking at 10 other players as well. I certainly haven't spoken to them or anyone else.

I haven't even thought about my future. My only concern at the moment is to play well and help Tottenham win something this season.

These reports have been blown out of all proportion, but I suppose it's something I'm going to have to suffer from now until the end of the season.

I have to put it to the back of my mind because Tottenham face a vital Christmas

programme. We've got to get maximum points from each of our three games over the festive season to stand a chance of catching Liverpool in the title race.

We start with a home game against First Division strugglers Birmingham and I'm hoping they don't put a curse of our Championship hopes by coming away with three points.

I haven't seen Birmingham at all this season, but I expect they'll play a defensive game and try to poach a win rather than attack us.

On Boxing Day, it's the big one for all North London soccer fans. Tottenham take on Arsenal at Highbury and I'm really looking forward to that.

Last season we beat them 3-1 at their place with goals from Garth Crooks (2) and Mike Hazard. A similar result will suit us fine on Monday.

Arsenal are going through the same spell which Tottenham suffered a few years back. They seem to have a problem with consistency. One day they'll be brilliant — the next they'll make silly mistakes and let in silly goals.

There's no doubt that they've got a talented side there and I'm sure it's only a matter of time before they string it together again.

My England team-mate Graham Rix is the man I believe makes 'The Gunners' tick. He and Kenny Sansom have a tremendous understanding on the left side.

The game is going to be rather strange because it's a morning kick-off. That means that our pre-match routine will be rushed to be ready for the 11am start.

A day later, Brighton are the visitors and they're a team who always do quite well at White Hart Lane. Even though we've always had the majority of the play, they always manage to snatch a point here.

Funnily enough, we've got a good record at The Goldstone Ground. Perhaps it's because when Brighton play in front of their own fans, they adopt a more attacking approach.

Tottenham are still in the Milk Cup and the cries 'Lucky Spurs' went up again when we got a home draw against Second Division Burnley.

I'm not saying that we wouldn't have preferred them to someone like Liverpool or Manchester United, but all the players know just how tough the Northern team will be.

I've still got painful memories of being beaten by the likes of Wrexham and Cardiff so I certainly won't underestimate Burnley.

On a personal note, I was delighted to be included in the England squad for the game against Luxembourg last week especially after I'd missed manager Bobby Robson's first three matches in charge through injury.

Following the game against West Brom, I really felt back in the swing of things for the

Team-mate Mike Hazard — a good turn out by all the lads on his wedding day

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first time this season. I'm now 100 per cent fit and raring to go.

Tottenham's own injury problems look to be easing with the return of skipper Steve Perryman, Tony Galvin and Graham Roberts. There's also good news about Paul Miller. He's started light training again after an operation for torn muscles in the groin.

My team-mate Mike Hazard got married last week and all the Tottenham lads turned out to join in the celebrations.

Mike did get a little concerned though, because his wife turned up half-an-hour late! It appears she got stuck in a traffic jam. I think the delay had him sweating a bit.

I'd like to wish all 'Match' readers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Even though it's a busy time for me, I'm really looking forward to Christmas. All the Hoddle family are coming down to stay so it should be great fun.

I must admit that I may be on tenterhooks a little. My wife Anne expects our first child on January 8 — FA Cup Third Round day — so the great event could happen any time now!

Glenn Hoddle

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

KING KENNY!

KENNY 'King of the Kop' Dalglish reigned supreme in the First Division last month.

With four goals in four games and a recall to the Scotland squad, it was hardly surprising that the Liverpool ace was also Match Weekly's First Division 'Matchman of the Month' winner for November.

Although team-mate Ian Rush was also well to the fore after two successive League hat-tricks, it was Kenny who stole the limelight as Liverpool consolidated their position at the top of the table.

He collected two nine-star ratings in the last two League games of the month, to finish with an impressive four-match average of 8.50.

It put him clear of Luton skipper Brian Horton whose 8.25 average included all his club's star ratings during the month.

Wales' demon striker Rush shared third place with Birmingham goalkeeper Tony Coton, who kept first choice Jim Blyth out of the side until being injured, and September winner Mark Chamberlain, the flying Stoke and England winger.

Former Nottingham Forest skipper John McGovern may be having a testing baptism as manager of Second Division strugglers Bolton, but at least one of his players has been showing impressive form.

Midfield player Peter Reid, who has overcome the setback of a broken leg and a long-standing transfer rumpus, was the Second Division winner with an average of 8.33.

In second and third places respectively were two of the North East's talented youngsters, Newcastle winger Chris Waddle and Middlesbrough defender Darren Wood.

Oxford striker Trevor Hebbard was his team's outstanding player in all three of their November League outings, and so he took the Third Division award on 8.33.

The former Southampton player pipped Newport's Karl Elsey who had an average of 8.00 from four matches.

Struggling Crewe don't win much these days, but at least goalkeeper Steve Smith has an award for his sideboard after winning our Fourth Division plaque.

His three appearances for Crewe earned him an average of 8.00, and that was enough to keep him clear of Blackpool striker Dave Bamber and Swindon's Gary Emmanuel.

It's same again in the Scottish Premier Division with Dundee's Cammy Fraser winning the award for the second successive month.

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Kenny Dalglish... the Liverpool star was our top player in the First Division last month.

Above: Bolton's Peter Reid was our star in the Second Division in November.



DIVISION ONE

Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	4	8.50
Brian Horton (Luton)	4	8.25
Ian Rush (Liverpool)	4	8.00
Tony Coton (Birmingham)	3	8.00
Mark Chamberlain (Stoke)	3	8.00
Allan Evans (Aston Villa)	4	7.75
Gary Shaw (Aston Villa)	4	7.75
Asa Hartford (Man. City)	3	7.66
Garry Brooke (Tottenham)	3	7.66

DIVISION TWO

Peter Reid (Bolton)	3	8.33
Chris Waddle (Newcastle)	4	8.00
Darren Wood (Middlesbrough)	4	7.75
Tony Towner (Rotherham)	4	7.75
Gary Lineker (Leicester)	4	7.50
Paul Petts (Shrewsbury)	4	7.50
Paul Fitcher (Oldham)	4	7.50

DIVISION THREE

Trevor Hebbard (Oxford)	3	8.33
Karl Elsey (Newport)	4	8.00

Gordon Hobson (Lincoln)	3	7.66
Glenn Cockerill (Lincoln)	3	7.66
Dave Cusack (Southend)	4	7.50
David Williams (Bristol Rovers)	3	7.50

DIVISION FOUR

Steve Smith (Crewe)	3	8.00
Dave Bamber (Blackpool)	4	7.75
Gary Emmanuel (Swindon)	4	7.75
Steve Fox (Port Vale)	4	7.50
Alan Little (Torquay)	4	7.50
Keith Walwyn (York)	4	7.50
Ricky Sbragia (York)	4	7.50
Mike Quinn (Stockport)	4	7.50
Steve McClaren (Hull)	4	7.50

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Cammy Fraser (Dundee)	4	7.75
Roddie Hutchison (Morton)	3	7.33
Jim Bett (Rangers)	4	7.25
Yehannes Edvaldsson (Motherwell)	4	7.25
Ralph Milne (Dundee Utd)	4	7.25
Gary Murray (Hibernian)	4	7.24

Brazilian ace in bust-up!

TRANSFER-seeking Brazilian World Cup star Serginho is set to become the latest big name Italian import.

The powerful centre-forward has fallen out with his club Sao Paulo following a disciplinary rumpus.

Serginho's fiery temper saw him sent off after only six minutes of a Brazilian League game and a hefty fine followed.

Now Serginho, the man who takes all the physical pressure up front in the national side, wants away.

And the favourites to sign him may be Roma where he would link up with fellow Brazilian midfielder Falcao and Italian World Cup star Bruno Conti.

Meanwhile Brazil's star striker Zico, regarded by many as the best player in the world, has notched his 600th top class goal. It came in a 5-0 win for his club Flamengo against Madureira.

Still in Brazil, Joao Havelange, president of FIFA, has stated that the country has next to no chance of staging the next World Cup Finals.

Brazil are on the short list together with Mexico, Canada and the United States but says Havelange:

"We all know how much Brazil would like to stage the next Finals, but I don't in all honesty believe they could cope with a football invasion.

"Transport and hotels would be a big problem."

● **ENZO Bearzot, Italy's World Cup-winning manager, has been offered a controversial new four-year contract.**

But the move to reward the long-serving manager behind the revival of Italian soccer has only come about after a series of behind-the-scenes arguments.

The Italian FA originally offered Bearzot only a new one-year contract from the end of the current season.

This would only have taken him up to the European Championship Finals in France in 1984 and it caused a rumpus with many observers criticising the national association for their treatment of the World Cup-winning boss.



Brazil's Serginho in scoring form against Argentina in the World Cup Finals — now he may be bound for Italy.

EUROPEAN minnows Bulgaria have sacked the national management pair of Antanas Parjelov and Boris Caganelov. Until recently Caganelov was a top defender with CSKA Sofia. He quit playing to take the managerial job.



World XI to honour Gerd

GERD Muller, the man with the top goalscoring record in the German Bundesliga, is to be awarded a benefit game by Bayern Munich.

The fixture will be against 'one of the most attractive teams in the world' and is due to take place next May or June.

Bayern are hoping to lure many of the stars of the past for the occasion too — including some of Muller's former World Cup winning team-mates.

Now the owner of a string of bars and sports clubs in Germany — and with business interests in Florida where he played with Fort Lauderdale Strikers — Muller has retired from top class football.

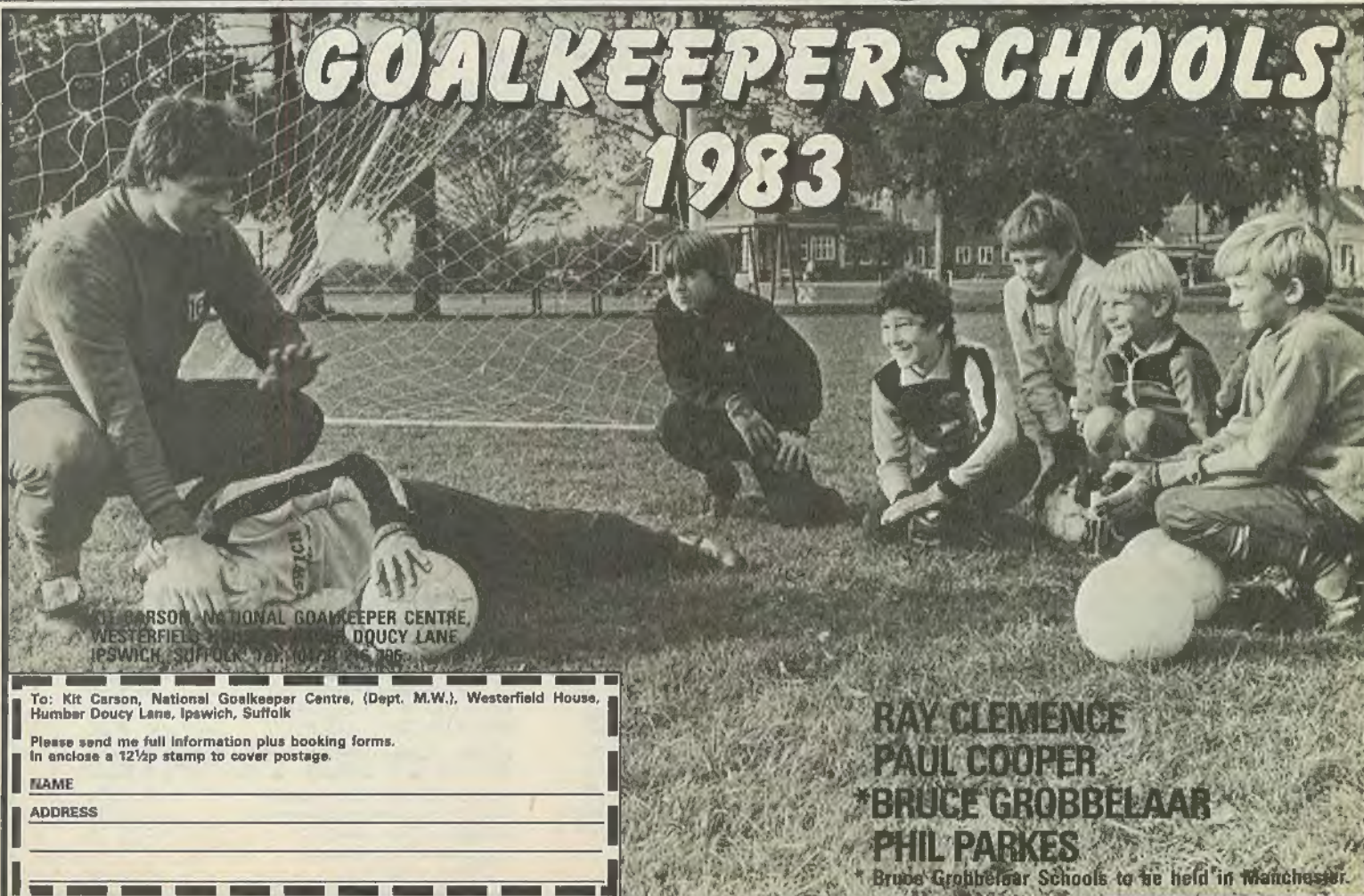
He scored a total of 365 goals for Bayern Munich.

Meanwhile the club have reduced the wages they pay and altered their bonus structure. Players now receive 'only' £250 per point while the club is in the top five of the Bundesliga!

● **Carlos Alberto Parreira, the Brazilian coach who has been looking after the affairs of Kuwait, has said 'No' to a rise in salary and a new contract. His contract ends on December 31, but Kuwait won't stop trying to get him to change his mind.**

● **FORMER Peru manager Marcos Calderon, who led his country through the 1978 World Cup when they were thrashed 6-0 by Argentina in a very controversial Quarter-Final tie, is due to make a comeback as national team coach to Venezuela.**

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CALL-UP FOLLOWS CATON SHOW-STOPPER



Tommy (far left) heads home the first of his two goals in the 2-1 victory over Arsenal that preceded his England call-up.

TIMELY TOMMY!

TOMMY Caton's brilliant two-goal show against Arsenal must have sent 'Gunners' and England coach Don Howe rushing to the nearest phone box to put in a call to Bobby Robson.

The young Manchester City centre-half could not have chosen a better time to display his obvious talent than the eve of the England manager's announcement of his squad for this week's European Championship game against Luxembourg.

And to do it in front of Bobby Robson's right hand man was almost too good to be true.

A delighted Tommy told Match: "I knew Don Howe was at Maine Road with the Arsenal side, but it never crossed my mind that he might be watching me.

"It was great to play well and score two goals. Maybe that helped clinch my place in the squad."

Twenty-year-old Tommy admits that he was stunned when the news of his call-up was first broken to him.

"I was coming back from training at about mid-day on the Monday when two journalists came over and told me. It was the shock of my life.

"I had watched 'Match of the Day' on the Sunday and it as said there would be no changes in the squad other than the inclusion of Glenn Hoddle.

"The news came right out of the blue and took days to sink in."

It's the second time Tommy has been included in an England party.

He was called up at the last minute for the European Championship game against Greece when Ipswich centre-half Terry Butcher was forced to pull out through injury.

"That was great for me," says Tommy, "but to be included in the squad from the start on merit is even more exciting.

"It's a great honour for me at such an early age and it is certainly the highlight of my career so far."

Tommy, who already has a handful of Under-21 caps under his belt, didn't expect to make the team for the Wembley game.

"I was just happy to be able to train with the England players and show the boss what I could do. I am still young and at least I now know I am in the England reckoning."

Although he is only 20, Tommy has made over 100 League appearances for Manchester City and is growing in stature all the time.

When he first made the City team, he played alongside experienced Maine Road campaigner Tommy Booth.

He says: "I learned a lot from Tommy and was lucky enough to play with him for a couple of seasons, which helped my game.

"I am now in my fourth season with City and feel I am playing better than at any other time in my career."

His form this season in particular has brought praise from numerous people in the game, including England captain and great Manchester rival Bryan Robson.

The United midfield dynamo has been quoted as saying that Tommy could make the England centre-half position his own for the next ten years.

Tommy is naturally flattered by such remarks and says: "It is nice to be recognised by a fellow player — especially as he is the England captain.

"His comments were very flattering but I don't look that far ahead because anything can happen in football.

"There have been many players in my position at one time or another and things haven't worked out for them so I'm not banking on anything at the moment.

"I just want to keep playing to the best of my ability and hopefully the rewards will come along."

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Garry Bailey

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FULL NAME: Gary Richard Bailey.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Ipswich, August 9, 1958.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 1 1/2in/13st.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Ford Capri 2.8.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Full-time student at University.
CLUB NICKNAME: I have several.
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken finger last season when I was out for six weeks.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER: I admire many.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Used to be Ipswich.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — he is exciting to watch.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: England's World Cup winning side in 1966: Banks, Cohen, Wilson, Charlton J., Moore, Stiles, Ball, Hurst, Hunt, Charlton B., Peters.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's World Cup winning side of 1970: Felix, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Gerson, Clodoaldo, Jairzinho, Pele, Tostao, Rivelino.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM: Astrodome in Seattle, USA.
BEST GOAL SCORED: None, but I hit the cross bar against Liverpool at Anfield two seasons ago!
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Glenn Hoddle's brilliant volley against me at White Hart Lane in the League Cup in 1979.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: There are many good forwards.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The FA Cup Semi-Final and replay against Liverpool three years ago.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: My debut for United against Ipswich on November 11, 1978.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Arsenal in the FA Cup Final in 1979.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Studying at university (computers and engineering).
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and playing badly.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: None in particular.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads and farming programmes.
FAVOURITE READING: Fiction, particularly Wilbur Smith.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Kid Creole (and his Coconuts).
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything as long as there is plenty of it.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: No-one in particular.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: E.T.
BEST FRIEND: I have many good friends.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, Roy Bailey.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: The seasons are too long.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak and egg.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Eleven England Under-21 caps (captain once) and played twice for England 'B' team.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and content.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England in the next World Cup.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Engineering.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Manchester United team-mate Paul McGrath.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Charlie's Angel Cheryl Ladd on a desert island.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Be dedicated to football, but get a trade under your belt in your spare time.

